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## Propose That Bombed London Churches Be Preserved In Ruined State As War Memorial

London (By Wireless to RNS)—Preservation of a number of London's bombed churches in their ruined state to serve as war memorials has been advocated by a group of distinguished Britons here, including Lady Allen of Hurtwood, Sir Kenneth Clark, director of the National Gallery; Lord Keynes, banker, and Julian Huxley and T. S. Elliott, authors.

Pointing out that many of the World War I memorials were unworthy of the men whose sacrifices they commemorate, the group expressed the opinion that ruined churches would be "a most appropriate memorial to the nation's crisis."

Work on selected ruins, they suggested, should be confined to the minimum essential to preserve the churches from further decay, and should be beautified by surrounding them with lawns, flower beds, flowering trees, and seats for those in search of quietness and rest. During the summer months, it was urged, the ruined churches could be the site for open-air services.

The group also recommended that each of the churches selected should act as a specific memorial to a different branch of the military services, such as the RAF, the Merchant Marine, the Navy, the Eighth Army, and the Women's Services, with the names of fallen service men and women inscribed on the walls.

It was felt that in the city of London, one church at least should be set aside as a memorial to the thousands of civilian Londoners who died during Germany's air raids on England.

**"God Sure Answers Prayers"**  
By Richard T. Baker  
Religious News Service Correspondent

A 14th U. S. Army Air Base, China—Arkansaw was sitting in the back of a jeep. A month before he had bailed out of a B-24 somewhere over China. Now he was back within sight of his field.

"I never was religious inclined until I bailed out of that B-24, but I sure am now," he says.

"When the pilot told us to hit the silk I felt a little funny, but even then I didn't really think of prayin'. I did some powerful hopin' though. Just 'fore I stepped outa the door I kinda thought of Mom and the back three acres. I hoped the folks would not worry too much if I didn't come back.

"When I did jump and felt those straps tearing my shoulders almost off, I started to worry and, without even knowin' it, I started a little prayin.' I said, 'Lord, you don't know me very good 'cause I ain't bothered you much all my life. But if what my Mom says is true an' you do look out for the birds and field mice, take out a little time for me and let me land

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## Ground Purchased For Mississippi Baptist Building

Choice Building Site Secured

A Mississippi Baptist building became a certainty with the recent purchase of two lots on North Congress street.

The building site was purchased after authorization by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The lots measuring 93 feet by 160 (at deepest point) are directly across the street from Smith Park, near the governor's mansion, the new capitol and the First Baptist Church.

The lots contain one two-story dwelling and a small business building. Revenue from rentals should more than pay taxes and upkeep until the Baptist building can be erected. Building operations will probably have to wait until after the war.

Because of improved financial conditions the lots were paid for when purchased and Executive Secretary D. A. McCall states that when the new building is erected no debt will be incurred.

## United States Army Unit In China Boasts 100 Per Cent Church Attendance

By Richard T. Baker  
Religious News Service Correspondent

Somewhere in Southwest China—Officers and men at a U. S. Army training base on the southwest China frontier think they have a record, and challenge any town in America to match it.

They have a regular Sunday morning church service. Admitted, that's no record. But they do claim 100 per cent attendance is pretty good, and wonder if any home town in the States does as well. They go farther; they get their unanimous turnout without any compulsion whatsoever.

What is more, these men have organized, manned, and conducted their church entirely without benefit of clergy. It's a laymen's affair, first to last. Maybe once a month a chaplain comes by and preaches a sermon. They have no minister, no building, no musical instrument except their own voices, and their church bell is made out of an old railroad iron.

Colonel Harry M. Arthur, commanding officer of the Y-Force unit, which is in the field to instruct Chinese armies, thinks the reason for this turn to religion is the soldier's nearness to death, his concern for the meaning of his life, and his sense of personal inadequacy without God. The camp at which this church service is a regular Sunday-morning-at-eleven event is ten air minutes away from the Japanese airfield and in the midst of the Chinese armies along the front.

Colonel Arthur, who says he is not

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## Church and State In Russia Soviet Official Explains Government Relationship With Orthodox Church

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Moscow (By Wireless)—Measures to facilitate opening of new churches in Russia have been among principal concerns of the Soviet Council on Orthodox Affairs since its formation ten months ago, it was revealed here by Georgi Grigorievich Karpov, head of the five-man council, in an exclusive interview with Religious News Service.

The interview, conducted in the old Ostrovsky mansion, which also houses the Soviet Commission on Religious Cults, a group that deals with all organized religious groups in the U. S. S. R., provided the first authoritative picture of the council's scope and activities since it was established as a liaison with the Russian Orthodox Church shortly after the church's re-establishment early last fall.

The council, according to Mr. Karpov, has already set up in various parts of the Soviet Union an intricate organization to deal with matters in-

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Cincinnati — (RNS) — "On 'D-Day,' we sent our men to the beaches with God. On 'V-Day,' God will have ended this warfare, in Europe at least, and we shall remember Him. To repeat the wild orgies of Amistice Day, 1918, is far from a proper way to celebrate God's victory."

These statements highlighted an appeal for a "sane 'V-Day' celebration" issued by Dr. William Tait Paterson, president of the Greater Cincinnati Council of Churches, and given prominent display in local newspapers. They "tie in" with city-wide church plans for services of spiritual thanksgiving the day of or day following Victory Day—when Germany will have surrendered.

Moreover, they set the tone of efforts by local churchmen and religious forces in "cheerful but sane" celebrating of "V-Day."

Said the Times-Star: "It is foolish to think that parents and other loved

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## THE LITTLE BAPTIST

By J. M. MARTIN

(With special permission of the Sunday School Board at Nashville, we present this story by J. M. Martin, a popular narrative. Follow it weekly. The book, *The Little Baptist*, may be purchased from your book store.—The Editor.)

### FIFTH INSTALLMENT

Mellie had not thought as much on the subject of the door into the church as she had about some other things, else she might have told Frank that baptism is not, strictly speaking, a door, but the initiatory rite that all entering the church are required to submit to, but the door that opens or closes against them is the will of the particular church. Thus, ingress and egress are obtained by the same door. Churches vote to receive members and they vote to exclude members. Each church is independent of all human authority, and subject only to her great Head and Lawgiver.

Frank Brown had never given the subject of baptism an hour's serious consideration, and at this time cared for little else than to annoy his sister with such difficulties as he could remember hearing suggested by others. He had been told that he had been baptized in his infancy, an act of his parents which he understood to somehow bring him into some kind of a covenant relation with God. Although unexplained, he doubted not that there was some virtue to be de-

rived from a practice to which so much importance was attached by the church in which he had grown up as a "sealed" member. He was moral, paid respect to the Sabbath, attended church, but was yet irreligious. After discussion with Mellie had been suspended, he sat as if wholly absorbed in thought, turning the leaves of the little Bible until he was attracted by some marks that Mellie had made in the sixteenth chapter of Acts, and he said:

"Look here, Sissie: you have made your strong points; all that you can find, I guess; so now let us examine the other side of the question. Here I see there was a baptism in a prison, and in the night, too. I hope you do not presume that they had a river there. I think that this is one case where you will have to admit that there was no immersion. If you have proved that Philip was a Baptist, I will now prove that Paul was a Presbyterian. For, you see, they had Paul confined in the inner prison, and when the jailer asked, 'What must I do to be saved?' and Paul told him to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, etc., that then and there Paul baptized him."

Mellie replied, "Yes, Buddie, don't you see how it reads? The jailer brought Paul and Silas out of the prison, and

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## Sparks & Splinters

**Midway church, Newton county:** Pastor Grady Smith preached the opening sermon of the revival. S. E. Sumrall of Boy Springs came in time for the evening service. There were 17 additions to the church, 13 of whom came for baptism. This was one of the greatest revivals here in many years.

**Rev. Boyd Hunt, Creston, Iowa,** has been elected to teach in the departments of New Testament and Christian Doctrine at Southwestern Seminary. Mr. Hunt received his Th.M. degree from the seminary in May, 1942. He has remained since that time to complete his graduate work.

**Rev. Jesse Northcutt, associate professor of New Testament and Systematic Theology at Southwestern Seminary,** has been chosen to serve as acting professor of Homiletics for the coming year. This place was made vacant by the retirement of Dr. Jeff D. Ray last May.

**Advance registrations at Southwestern Seminary** indicate a record-breaking enrollment for the forthcoming fall semester, beginning September 11.

**Mr. Joe Davis Heacock** has been elected to teach in the School of Religious Education of Southwestern Seminary parttime. Mr. Heacock will also serve the Polytechnic Baptist Church, Fort Worth, part-time as educational director.

**Miss Sue Barksdale, Nacogdoches, Texas,** has been chosen as teacher of secretarial training at Southwestern Seminary to succeed Mrs. William Oaks, who recently resigned. Miss Barksdale comes from the First Baptist Church, Nacogdoches, Texas.

**"God in Our Public Schools"** by Dr. W. S. Fleming is just what the title indicates, a study of the Bible and our public schools. Regardless of a person's belief concerning the Bible and the public school this book should be read by our people. He believes it is the right of every child to receive religious instruction. Since more than half the children of the nation today are getting no religious instruction either in home or church, he is convinced it is the duty of the state to give this instruction in its own schools. This, for its own protection and to be fair to the children. To this end Dr. Fleming gave twelve of the best years of his life to campaigning over America for Bible reading and religious instruction in our public schools, and for twenty-five years has made an intensive study of the subject. The result of this study and experience is found in "God in Our Public Schools." The book is published by the National Reform Association, 209 Ninth Street, Pittsburgh, 22, Pa. The price is \$1.50. Orders should be sent to the publisher or to the Baptist Book Store.

**For three years I have been experimenting with a test for children.** The result shows that among the most important habits contributing to an effective personality are the following: Going to Sunday school, and having parents that attend church. The very fact of parents attending church was a factor in the development of desirable personality traits on the part of the children, and the attendance of Sunday school by the children was an even more important factor.—Prof. Henry Link.

**"Baptist Beliefs"** by Dr. Harold L. Fickett, pastor, First Baptist Church, Galveston, Texas, is a lucid and memorable presentation of beliefs that are the cornerstone of Baptist faith. The author was convicted that Baptists must indoctrinate their own numbers and this conviction led to the development of these studies in Baptist beliefs. The booklet shows that the church must have Foundation, Guide, and Message and that Christ is the only Foundation that the Bible is the only Guide and Message. What we believe about the Bible is pointed out and also that the Bible is a full, final, complete, infallible, and inerrant revelation from God to man; that the New Testament is complete and is the only rule of faith and practice. The author shows that the Holy Spirit is author of the Bible and that it is a Miracle Book, using three languages (Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek); has between 35 and 40 writers from all walks of life; and it has one author, the Holy Spirit. He states that, therefore, we have complete unity of message and also a message without error. The price is ten cents for single copies. In quantities the price is cheaper. Order from the publisher, the Broadman Press, or from the Baptist Book Store.

**Endville, Pontotoc county:** Our pastor, A. B. Jones, led our revival. There were six additions.

**"In the Heavens"** is a book of 68 poems by Coda Elizabeth Reynolds. Many of the poems are of a religious nature. The author, a native of Roanoke, Virginia, a graduate of North Carolina, and the University of North Carolina, and the Assembly's Training school, has written poetry since high school days, and has contributed to college magazines, religious periodicals, poetry magazines, and various anthologies. She spent nearly five years in China as a faith missionary, working in a North China Baptist station, and a number of the poems in this volume were written while there. She is now case worker and director of religious activities at the Baptist Orphanage of Salem, Va., at which place the volume was printed. Orders should be sent to the author or to the Baptist Book Store. The price is 60 cents.

**Defying legal decrees outlawing the denomination in Rumania, Baptists in that country continue to hold religious services in homes and secret meeting places.** A Swedish churchman stated that illegal meetings are taking place more and more frequently and that the condition of the Baptist body, which before its dissolution in December, 1942, embraced 1,600 churches with a membership of 70,000, is still "strong."—Baptist Leader.

**Dr. William Potter, pastor of Calvary church, Neosho, Mo.,** and former pastor at McLain, has announced a new radio broadcast over WMBH, Joplin, Mo., beginning September 8. It will be called "The Hour of Power." Transcriptions of the Baptist Hour choir as well as messages recorded by the late Dr. Truett and those of Dr. Dodd will be used frequently.

**Pleasant Ridge church, Attala Association:** Six additions have been reported in the revival at this 107-year-old church. F. A. Lummus, pastor, was assisted in the revival by Frank D. Smith. This church has good B. T. U. and W. M. S. and also the EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record. Homecoming Day will be observed the first Sunday in October.—W. W. Cain, reporter.

A bronze plaque has been placed to the right of the platform in the auditorium at Ridgecrest, N. C., in honor of Dr. B. W. Spilman, who was the founder of the Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly. Dr. Spilman through many years bore the burden of this small enterprise, but by and by it began to grow and now it is probably the greatest denominational assembly in our country. Thousands of people flock to Ridgecrest from all parts of the South, from June to September. The work is now so organized that different assemblies, following one after the other, represent every phase of Southern Baptist denominational life. We are glad that Dr. Spilman and his early labors are remembered by the people of the present day, and that he is still alive to see the great results of his early vision.—Watchman-Examiner.

**Mrs. Callie Mae Bailey of Springdale church, Attala county,** recently sent a nice club of ten subscriptions. It is such friends that can enable The Baptist Record to grow from a circulation of 4,000 to more than 42,000. We will be glad to have more friends for we are trying to make our circulation "Forty-five before '45."

A good Baptist woman from Walnut Grove writes: "Enclosed please find \$1.00 for which send The Baptist Record to my husband who is overseas. His address is——." There are many other wives who should do likewise. Their husbands will appreciate it.

**Ridgecrest, N. C.—(RNS)—A goal of \$20,000,000 as reserve funds for post-war denominational activities** has been set up by the Southern Baptist Convention for its centennial crusade in 1945. The record figure was approved at a meeting here of 200 Southern Baptist leaders to map plans for the project, which will also seek 1,000,000 converts. Half the amount south will be allocated to activities of the denomination within the various southern states, while the other half will be devoted to southwide and world causes after the war. The goal set here exceeds by \$7,000,000 the previous record of contributions attained in 1943.

**The Hinds-Warren Associational meeting of Woman's Missionary Union** will meet September 29 with First church, Vicksburg.

**Pascagoula: Chas. L. McKay, pastor of Temple church, Ruston, Ala.,** was with Dr. Leroy Green at First church in a recent revival. There were 22 additions. Educational Director R. A. Marston was in charge of the music.

**Pinola church, Simpson county:** We were fortunate in having the team we had for our revival. Dr. D. A. (Scotchie) McCall did the preaching and W. L. Cooper, on furlough from Argentina, led the music. Two came for baptism.—Guy A. Little, pastor.

**Dr. Charles S. Henderson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Greenville, Mississippi,** baptized a father and mother last Wednesday night which made one hundred and one that he has baptized in the past eleven months. A few weeks ago he baptized a daughter of the father and mother.

**Pastor Percy Herring of Beacon church, Laurel,** sends some additions for their EVERY FAMILY list and states that there have been additions every Sunday since he became pastor except four.

**R. L. Ray, Jr., Pontotoc,** has been called as pastor at French Camp, Choctaw county. He recently led them in a good revival meeting.

We regret that because of space limitations it is not possible to publish all the interesting articles concerning the late Dr. George Truett which continue to reach our office.

**"Peace Through Jesus"** by Dr. Walter A. Maier is a series of 25 radio messages broadcast over the Lutheran hour. Both saved and unsaved will find them most helpful. They are scriptural, plain, evangelistic and devotional. These powerful gospel messages deserve to be widely disseminated. Copies of this book should find their way into the hands of every earnest seeker after the truth of God's love in Christ Jesus. This book is published by the Concordia Publishing Co., and sells for \$1.50. Order from the publisher or from your Baptist Book Store.

**Fort Wayne, Ind.—(RNS)—October** will be set aside for the observance of Protestant Press Month under the auspices of the Associated Church Press, it was announced here by Homer W. King, editor of the Protestant Voice and chairman of the committee in charge. The event was inaugurated last year as a period for special emphasis on the value of the religious press, with 42 publications taking part. Members of the committee include Dr. Bernard J. Mulder, of Grand Rapids, Mich., president of the Associated Church Press; Dr. Nathan R. Melhorn of Philadelphia, Pa., vice president, and Dr. John Marvin of Adrian, Mich., secretary.

**Peoria, Ill.—(RNS)—Six worship services** are held each Thursday at the R. G. LeTourneau, Inc., war plant here, second largest industry turning out turnpicks and bulldozers to beat the enemy. There are two services for each shift, beginning at 9:15 a. m. and ending at 11:45 p. m., for the swing shift. Ministers from the Peoria area give a twenty-minute sermon, and music and an opening prayer are part of the half-hour of worship for the 3,600 employees.

**Dr. Andrew W. Reaves completed seven years as pastor of Stanton Memorial Baptist Church, Miami, Florida,** on Sunday, August 20. These have, indeed, been fruitful and profitable years. The erection of new buildings and renovation of old property has more than doubled the value of church property during these years. The budget has increased, at least, to twice the amount it was. There have been 770 additions to the church by baptism and 598 additions by letter during the years Dr. Reaves has been with us.

An observer in Spain says that when Franco is overthrown 90 per cent of the Spanish people will leave the Church of Rome. (Archbishop Spellman thinks that in case of commotion not a priest will be left alive.)—Sunday School Times.

**Plantersville: During the revival at Verona in which Pastor F. V. McFaridge did the preaching,** special services for Juniors were conducted in the mornings by Miss Ruth Loftin of the State B. T. U. Department. She held services for Intermediates and Young People each evening. There were 14 who came for baptism, several of whom were adults.

July 28 marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of the marriage of Pastor and Mrs. Harry L. Carter of Scottsville. On that occasion the congregation "swooped down" on them in their home and gave them a liberal shower of silver money. (Editor's Note: Pastor Carter was formerly pastor at Lyons, Miss.)



# NEWS and VIEWS

By D. A. McCALL, Executive Secretary-Treasurer,  
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Evangelism — State, Home and Foreign Missions — Cooperative Program — Now Club (State Debts) — Stewardship — Baptist Record — Baptist Training Union — Sunday School — Woman's Missionary Union — Brotherhood — Baptist Student Union — Retirement Plan — Seminaries — Christian Education — Hospitals — Orphanages — Pastoral Aid — Church Building Aid — Chinese Work — Negro Work — Indian Work — Literature — Enlistment Pastors — Service Men's Department — Historical Society — Baptist Foundation — Social Service — Woman's Missionary Union Training School — Ministerial Education — Bookkeeping.

We are happy to give you in summary a comparison in total receipts for the first six months of 1943-44. Mississippi Baptists have registered a nice gain in Cooperative Program contributions and a total gain of more than \$86,000 in the first six months period of this year.

Six Months	Cooperative Program	Designated	Now Club	Totals
1944	\$180,197.94	\$126,172.72	\$73,351.38	\$423,437.18*
1943	132,135.07	104,901.21	62,535.10	336,943.77**
Gain	\$ 48,062.87	\$ 21,271.51	\$10,816.28	\$ 86,493.41
*1944—Other income added above				\$43,715.14
**1943—Other income added above				37,576.46
Gain				\$ 6,138.68

## MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS ARE ON THE MARCH!

### I

Mississippi Baptists now own a strategic location for a Baptist Building. The location is paid for, and the title is covered by insurance. Deeds and abstracts have been delivered to us. No indebtedness is involved, neither contemplated.

While lovely houses of worship have been going up all over the state, Baptist offices representing the combined work of over fifteen hundred (1500) churches of our Lord, have been housed in a building not at all in keeping with the majesty of the work of Christ.

### II

On page 90 of the 1940 Mississippi Baptist Convention Annual in item 6, the Convention restated an established principle of cooperation as follows: "We recommend that the Convention urge that all gifts of Mississippi Baptists to the Convention and her agencies be sent through the office of the Convention Board."

Many thousands of Mississippi Baptists choose to play the game according to the rules of the game. "We are workers together." II Cor. 6:1.

Most of the agencies and institutions cooperate in this matter. Mr. Mize, superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage, has for many months been bringing by the office funds collected while on the field. Dr. Lowrey and Mr. Skilton of Blue Mountain College have sympathetically suggested that endowment funds be paid through this office. Dr. Nelson is cooperating along the same line. Others walk this way also. Why not make it 100%? Let every Mississippi Baptist send every offering to every cause through the Convention Board office, Box 530, Jackson, (105) Mississippi. Let every institution, agency, department, committee, and cause urge all contributors to play the game according to the rules.

### III

We have been asked several times, "Do you think our Evangelistic Program has been getting results?" Our answer in each instance has been something like this—"Yes! For six years we have experienced the highest level in baptisms of any similar period in our history. This did not just happen! Again, year before last we registered a nice gain in baptisms when Southern Baptists were losing. Last year we held our own in baptisms. All of this has been in war years when it is taken for granted by many people that a slump in soul winning fruitfulness will be experienced regardless of the effort put forth. The minds of people are distracted because their sons are in battle. Other people are mad after money making. The minds of others are distracted by the many unusual conditions under which we live. Yet, Mississippi Baptists have pressed on in soul winning plans, efforts and fruitfulness."

This does not mean that we have done all we should have done. This does not mean we are satisfied. We believe with all our heart that Mississippi Baptists might win 15,000 or 25,000 to the Lord Jesus Christ within a given year. If we have held our own when thousands of our young people have been taken away from us, by the grace of God we can go forward in a big way under more favorable circumstances. We must! We will! GOD GIVETH US VICTORY!

### IV

The twelfth Negro Institute, in which we gave special aid through State Missions, was recently held at Gulfport. Dr. Brookshire, First Baptist Church, Gulfport, rendered valuable aid. Dr. Lang was in charge.

We are sure we bespeak the appreciation of all Convention Board members in saying "Thank you" to Dr. Theodore Whitfield, Pocahontas, one of our fine pastors, who has repeatedly remembered Baptist Board employees with pecans and real fresh, pure country cream. Pastor Reese Rogers, Salem, also sees that we are "kept sweet" with gallons of frozen sunshine that just simply melts in your mouth. In case you are not initiated, you do not know what that is, and we feel "plum" sorry for you.

Bro. Dan Moulder seems not to be experiencing any let-down in baptisms, as he reports 112 in six churches for the summer. He lacks only four having baptized 5,000 persons in his ministry. An elderly man met him recently and told him he was going to ask for baptism on the next meeting day. Doxology!

"Baptists Beliefs," by Harold Pickett, Broadman Press, is a booklet of seven studies in destructive doctrines. For private reading, or group study. Price 10c or \$7 per hundred.

Bro. Gartenhaus writes that a Jewish Evangelist has been going about creating some commotion. Our churches may be imposed on if they care to,

on the other hand, they may ascertain facts regarding the background and plans of any person desirous of appearing before them.

Chaplain Glenn M. Harbin writes from across the Atlantic to the effect that he preached six times the preceding Sunday, witnessing 54 conversions, a number asking for baptism and over 100 rededications. This is some more fruits of our Mississippi Baptist life by the grace of God.

### V

The work of Christ and the work of Christians are clearly stated and majestically linked together in II Corinthians 5:19, "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself . . . and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation."

God is reconciling. Christ is reconciling. The true Christian, whether minister, or layman, is reconciling. The full work of reconciliation is between God and man, man and man, and between man and himself. Man, reconciled, is then ready to live with God, and with other men, and with himself. You will recall the song, "O, be ye reconciled to God!"

The tragedy is that some folks who should be busy reconciling will not themselves be reconciled. How can they reconcile others? The tragedy is that some others are in the business of dividing and spoiling. How can they reconcile others?

Do we have the Spirit of Christ? Romans 8:9.

### VI

## DOCTRINE OF SUBSTANCE

By Frank E. Burkhalter

### I. God is the Maker, Owner and Giver of All Things.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.—Genesis 1:1. But thou shalt remember Jehovah thy God, for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth.—Deuteronomy 8:18.

The earth is Jehovah's, and the fulness thereof;

The world and they that dwell therein.—Psalm 24:1.

The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith Jehovah of hosts.—Haggai 2:8.

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom can be no variation, neither shadow that is cast by turning.—James 1:17.

References: Deuteronomy 10:14; Acts 14:17; Acts 17:25; I Corinthians 4:7.

### II. I Am a Steward and Must Give an Account of All That is Entrusted to Me.

For none of us liveth to himself, and none dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; or whether we die, we die unto the Lord; whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.—Romans 14:7, 8.

### III. This Acknowledgement of My Stewardship Requires the Setting Aside, for the Extension of Christ's Kingdom, of a Definite Portion of My Income, as Indicated in God's Word.

Thou shalt surely tithe all the income of thy seed, that which cometh forth from the field year by year.—Deuteronomy 14:22.

Three times a year shall all thy males appear before Jehovah thy God in the place where he shall choose; in the feast of tabernacles; and they shall not appear before Jehovah empty; every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of Jehovah thy God which he hath given thee.—Deuteronomy 16:16.

### IV. The Tenth is the Minimum of My Gift Suggested by the Scripture and is Sacred to God.

And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, so that I come again to my father's house in peace, and Jehovah will be my God, then this stone which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house; and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.—Genesis 28:20-22.

And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is Jehovah's: it is holy unto Jehovah. . . . And all the tithe of the herd or the flock, whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto Jehovah.—Leviticus 27:30-32.

Will a man rob God? Yet ye rob me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.—Malachi 3:8.

Bring ye the whole tithe into the storehouse.

## SOONER THAN YOU THINK—

### Promotion Day Will Be Here!

It's less than three weeks away now—September 24. Let us help you with your last-minute plans and needs—we have the Bibles, books, gifts, and supplies that will make Promotion Day this year the best your Sunday School and Training Union have ever had. Our business is to serve you—may we?

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Every Mississippi Baptist church contributing through:

1. The Cooperative Program.
2. The Now Club.
3. A summer assembly.
4. A State Brotherhood secretary.
5. A full-time worker with the Negroes.
6. A worker at Whitfield.
7. Two rural evangelists instead of one.
8. A full-time Indian worker.
9. A Baptist Building in Jackson.
10. At least ten enlistment pastors.
11. Enlarged soldier work.
13. Associational missionaries.
14. Mississippi Baptists out of debt.
15. A Sunday school, a Training Union, a Missionary Union, and a Brotherhood in every church.
16. The Baptist Record in every home.

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### V-DAY SHOULD BE A DAY OF WORSHIP, NOT WORLDLINESS

As a young pastor we remember V-Day in 1918. We do not now recall a single prayer of thanksgiving although we are sure there were many. We do remember that a car load of men from our community drove two hours to a nearby city. The distance was only 60 miles but a Model T Ford, a leaking radiator and gravelless roads made a speed limit unnecessary.

Everybody was down town. And each one seemed to be trying to make more noise than anyone else.

Too many men have been killed and maimed for any similar celebration when Germany or Japan is defeated. Too many mothers are sorrowing over sons that will

never come back for us to spend a day in wild outbursts. Thousands of wives are weeping because this terrible war has made them widows. Countless children never have and never will see Daddy for he has given his all on some foreign battlefield and now lives beneath the sacred soil that holds his dust awaiting the resurrection when he can be reunited forever with those he left behind. V-Day is no time for wild outbursts of rioting and boisterousness.

Whenever this day comes that has cost so much in "blood, toil, tears and sweat" we should observe it in a manner which will honor our God and not be an affront to the loved ones of those living and dead who made V-Day possible.

Many cities are already planning a religious service. Certainly we should plan now to gather either by churches or by towns or communities for a service of penitence, of thanksgiving and dedication.

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### ASSOCIATIONS ARE IMPORTANT

Our associations are beginning to meet. Just as good business men take stock and plan for the coming business season, so do Baptists (through their associations) survey the work of the past year and plan to do better next year. More people are reached at our associations than by any other meeting. They exert a powerful influence and are worthy of our best people and our best thought.

No associational season has ever been more important than the one which is now starting.

People have more money than ever before, the war has drained our supply of preachers as well as men. Many organizations are short of man-power and woman-power.

The association no doubt will take notice of and plan to cooperate worthily in the 1945 Centennial Celebration.

We also urge every moderator to see that emphasis is given the following:

(1) The five great Stewardship Conferences, September 18-22; one each day as follows: Lucedale, Hazlehurst, Belzoni, Aberdeen and Holly Springs. Dr. Earle V. Pierce of Minneapolis, Minn., is to be the featured speaker.

(2) The Baptist State Convention in Jackson, November 14-16, Pastors' and Laymen's Conference preceding. This should be a convention with more rejoicing than usual. Secretary McCall has led us (by December first) out of debt.

(3) The great debt-free celebration and Centennial Crusade Preview December 12, at First church,

Jackson. Dr. Oscar Johnson of St. Louis, Missouri, is to be the featured speaker. To hear him is worth a long trip and to hear him in connection with debt-free celebration is worth a longer trip.

(4) The Evangelistic Conference at Clinton, March 5-8, 1945.

Don't miss the meeting of your associations, and there is no rule prohibiting visiting a neighboring association.

At your association there will be fellowship, inspiration and information. You will learn what other Baptists are doing.

Let's pray for our associations and help make them count for Christ.

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### OUR SEMI-ANNUAL APPEAL

Twice yearly, before the Southern Baptist Convention and before the State Convention, we appeal to all concerned to publish reports that are to be made to the Convention.

Space limitations prevent publishing reports in full but the gist of them should be published. And certainly all proposed recommendations should be published.

If our conventions are worthwhile they deserve the very best thought. Snap judgment always leads to snap situations.

The usual custom is for a long report to be distributed. Someone explains briefly the contents and the vote is taken. This is done without much thought on the part of the messengers. Serious and careful consideration is impossible.

At the very least, all recommendations and the reasons for them should be published beforehand.

The excuse is offered that our boards cannot prepare the reports in time for publication. The reply is, start sooner.

If we take our usual snap judgment and vote without proper consideration, why have a convention? It would save time and expense simply to let the boards and committees adopt their own recommendations without reference to a convention.

Too often is heard the complaint that "a few are running things." We doubt that this is the intention of our leaders, but more pre-convention publicity would help to answer such complaints.

As it now is, messengers, when registering, are handed a large book of reports. If they did nothing else, they could not properly study these reports during the sessions of the conventions.

If suggestions and recommendations are good they will stand the light of publicity. The rank and file of the messengers will be expected to help carry out convention actions. Why not allow

## Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

### "STATES' RIGHTS BALLOTS ALSO REQUIRE TOO MUCH SPACE"

"It required too much shipping space to handle the packages which loved ones in the United States wished to send their boys overseas, so we are told, on the shipment of such packages except in the case where there is an approved order or permit from some army official. Yet the Brewer's Journal of December 15, 1942, states, according to the National Voice, that Grace Brothers of Santa Rosa, Calif., brewers, had received orders from the military authorities for shipment of two-thirds of its output for at least several months to the armed forces overseas. What kind of a law is it that will prevent a mother from sending her son a package containing candy and other knickknacks and a piece of warm clothing, and at the same time order a brewery to ship two-thirds of its output to the lands where that son is fighting for I have been very much interested with Congress when such a situation is tolerated!"—Western Recorder.

And now they say that states' rights ballots cannot be sent to the soldiers overseas because this would take up too much space in the ships. We repeat: Why not use some of this liquor space for ballots? This would bring a squawk from the liquor dealers and a few old toppers but only words of praise from the fathers, mothers, wives and sweethearts of the soldiers.—Clarion-Ledger.

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Ackerman: Rev. J. B. Smith of Hollandale and former pastor recently held a week's revival meeting here. The people were hungry for some real gospel preaching and were certainly delighted to hear the messages brought by Brother Smith. There were six additions to the church, five of them by baptism. Mrs. Smith and the children came and it was like a home coming. The music was under the direction of Mrs. H. A. Hearon, local pianist. The congregations were good throughout the week, filling the house at the evening services.—H. L. R.

Pastor Guy A. Little of the Coat church, Simpson county, was assisted in the revival by J. P. Bush pastor of Hopewell church, Copiah county. The people made a generous love offering to both the pastor and the visiting minister.—Guy Little, pastor.

Green Creek, Forrest county: We had with us for our revival D. L. Harrison, pastor of Pleasant Grove church, Wayne county. His sermons were greatly enjoyed by our people. There were 11 additions.—A. R. Loftin, pastor.

these some messengers the privilege of thinking through them?

And pre-convention publication would allow those unable to attend the convention time to think matters over and consult with those fortunate enough to go to the convention.

Good recommendations will not be harmed by publication. Bad ones need to be harmed.



# CHURCH AND STATE IN RUSSIA

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volving both church and state. In addition to handling petitions for new churches, the council has taken part in negotiations for the re-establishment of theological training centers, and in certain cases, has helped release Orthodox priests from compulsory military service. Matters on which the council has been consulted include church repairs and taxation of church property.

A point emphasized by Mr. Karpov was that "we place absolutely no barriers to church expansion." When the interviewer inquired about the setting up of Sunday schools to extend religious education in Russian parishes, the official explained that this is one of the questions which, as yet, has not come before the council. "In any case," he commented, "we do not mix in internal church affairs."

One interesting aspect of the interview was the light thrown on the background of the Soviet official chosen to fill a highly significant role in relations between the government and the predominant Russian church.

Born in Leningrad in 1897, Karpov served in the Red army during the civil war; had some years of university education, but did not graduate. Most of his life has been devoted to organizational work for the Communist party and the Soviet government. He is married, and has three daughters, two of whom are also married.

Serving on the Orthodox-Soviet council, in addition to Mr. Karpov, are his assistant, Constantin Artemovich Zaitsev, who was present at the interview; Georgi Trofimovich Utkin; Ivan Ivanovich Ivanov, and an executive secretary.

Why was such a council required? the official was asked.

"Church and state," he replied "are separated in Russia, but we find questions constantly arising among church leaders that require deliberation and decision, and often, sanction. One outstanding question was the problem of establishing a theological school and pastors' courses, which are now beginning their work. This question was brought to us by church leaders. We discussed it, and then submitted our decision to the Council of People's Commissars which fully approved it. This, by the way, is the only question we have had to carry to the higher authorities."

Questioned as to the procedure in opening new churches, Mr. Karpov explained:

"If a group of believers—it does not matter how many—want a church, they sign a petition and refer it to the local church or government leaders. The local soviet takes it up with our representative, who examines the case and refers it, in turn, to us. Any number of people can sign a petition, but a minimum of twenty is needed to establish the legality of a congregation under law.

"Only occasionally do we turn down petitions for new churches. This is in cases where there is no church building available, and no immediate prospects of constructing one. Sometimes, too, the people in a small hamlet where there are already two or three churches want another. We feel that they cannot possibly get enough money to operate, and for that reason their application is rejected."

Asked about taxes from church property, the council leader pointed out that all churches are nationalized, and are given to believers free of



Dr. and Mrs. L. J. Bristow at presentation of silver service by the Board of Directors of Southern Baptist Hospital in appreciation of Dr. Bristow's twenty years of service.

## U. S. ARMY UNIT IN CHINA BOASTS 100% CHURCH ATTENDANCE

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much of a church man at home in Union, S. C., heads this instruction along a wide sector of the Chinese front facing the Japanese.

"I was raised in a Christian home," he says, "and so were most of the American boys fighting this war. I figured we ought to have church so we won't forget some of the important things in our heritage."

That was how the service originated. The colonel arrived at this headquarters early in 1944. He found the camp without a church or chaplain. He talked to some of his men, found them eager to join him in religious services, and the next Sunday morning the railroad-iron bell tolled church call. When a chaplain first arrived at this camp three months later he found to his amazement a service already set up and enthusiasm high.

Church officer in the camp is Major Benjamin M. Prestholt, son of a Congregational minister in Chicago. Sooner or later, everybody takes part, enlisted man and officer. It may be a Catholic ordnance officer who prays, an enlisted man who leads the singing, a veterinarian who reads the Bible.

The regular chaplain in the area is a Lutheran, Lieutenant Reuben W. Langhams, of Holloway, Minn. Both he and the Catholic chaplain who visits the area occasionally, Captain Cornelius J. Henninger, of Quincy, Ill., agree that the church in this frontier headquarters is one of the

charge and for as long as the congregation exists. The only payments demanded are land rent and taxes, which are obligatory on all citizens. Some complaints have been received from priests whose income was incorrectly classified, but these have been amicably adjusted, Mr. Karpov said.

"One other problem exists," he added. "Like all Soviet citizens, priests are subject to mobilization. But whenever a case was brought to us where mobilization deprived believers of religious leadership, we have succeeded in getting the priest released from service, and we intend to act so in the future."

## "GOD SURE ANSWERS PRAYERS"

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in a soft spot.

"I did, too. Landed in a tree, soft as a cushion. Then I started walkin'. Walkin' and walkin' and walkin'. Through brush and brambles, worse'n I ever did see before. They tore at my clothes and ripped up the sleeves and legs like you see 'em now. I did not have nothin' to eat and I don't think I woulda eaten just then if I had it. I just walked. The first day I just worried. Second day I worried more an' the third day was plum' awful.

"Then I prayed. Yessir, no circuit ridin' preacher coulda prayed more fervent than me. I walked an' pushed my way through the brush another day. I was awful hungry.

"I ducked my head in dirty little streams. I drank the water without even worryin' about gettin' it boiled. But I couldn't find food. I prayed all the time. Prayed the good Lord would lead me to a village, to some place where I could eat. But I was almost givin' up hope. I promised the Lord I'd go to church reg'lar and that I'd pray every night and mornin'. I promised the Lord if I got outa this I'd give Him all the credit.

"On the fifth day I saw some Chinese kids. I coulda kissed their dirty

most amazing demonstrations of soldiers' religion that they know about.

"I saw that our church could be an experiment in freedom of religion, one of the things for which we are fighting this war," Colonel Arthur explains. "I think Voltaire was right—I may disagree with everything you say, but I'll defend with my life your right to say it." I want the men to have a 'hometown' church they can call their own, a place where each man can come and bow his head the way he wants to. It's part of the purpose of this war. It's a right that all of us are defending with our lives."

The soldiers have even made their church an experiment in international worship. Chinese are welcome, and interpreters attached to the American units generally come. The cook, a Chinese-American restaurant owner from Detroit, is always on the front seat.

## CINCINNATI CHURCHES AND NEWSPAPERS APPEAL FOR SANE V-DAY

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ones of all servicemen will feel like celebrating in a wild manner. They will be happy to learn that the European phase of the war is over, but those whose sons, husbands, and sweethearts are still risking their lives and dying in the Japanese theatre of war will be no less concerned about their own then than they are now. Let's make 'V-Day' as spiritually significant as we made Invasion Day."

Stated the Post: "Let us receive the news of victory with a poise that shows our gratitude to God more significantly than the hurrahs of an excited mob. Let us express our gratitude on bended knee in our respective places of worship. And in our prayers, let us not forget to ask for wise guidance in the winning of the peace."

Victory Day, said the Enquirer, "will be a time for celebration, to be sure, but it will be an accomplishment bought with the blood and sweat of innumerable fellow men. Perhaps it is more fitting, in their memory, that we not give vent to an explosion of celebration and brawling. Perhaps it would be better that we spend the hours of Victory Day thanking God for having permitted us to win over the greatest curse of modern civilization—in asking God to care for the boys and men who died for victory's sake, and in thanking Him for having spared the ones who are left to come home."

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Dr. W. A. Roper (pastor) did the preaching in the revival at Midway church, Lauderdale, county. There were 15 additions. A V. B. S. was held in connection with the revival. The average attendance was 40. Mrs. C. E. Pittman was superintendent and the following served as teachers: Mrs. T. Martin, Mrs. H. D. Whitley, Mrs. B. E. Thompson and Mrs. R. C. Stading.

little faces. But I didn't. I slipped down on the muddy, wet ground and I prayed. Man, how I prayed!

"I thanked God for things I didn't even have yet. But the sight of those kids was the answer. I was one Flyin' Tiger who was awful happy.

"I followed the kids to their village. The folks there—swell people—crowded around me and handed me some kind of wine and rice. Man, was it good! They took me in their homes and made a fuss over me. I kept prayin' and thankin' the Lord all the time. And I meant it and I mean it!

"That was almost a month ago. They helped me along from village to village until I could contact my outfit. My money's all gone, but I don't care. Now you come along and you're gonna drop me right back home. God sure answers prayers if you pray hard enough."

Like most of his fellow fliers in the 14th U. S. Army Air Force, Arkansas is no atheist. Somehow or other they get next to God up in the sky. At home they may have gone fishing during church time, and their prayers were probably not much beyond the "Now-I-lay-me-down-to-sleep" level. But out here it's different. You don't wing up into the blue, or pick your way through a skyful of fighters, or jump out into the empty air without taking a little prayer with you. Arkansas is no exception.

These men agree with Arkansas almost to a man. "Yessir, I give God all the credit. He sure answers prayers!"



## Sunday School Department

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D. A. SPENCE

### Congratulations Canton!

Congratulations are certainly in order for Mr. D. A. Spence and the Adult department of the Sunday school of the First Baptist Church of Canton.

That department is standard! And, this makes it one of the eight standard Adult departments in the South at this time. Mississippi has two of these eight.

The First Baptist Church of Canton is 101 years old, and this is the first time there has ever been even a standard Adult class in that school, to say nothing of a standard Adult department. Of all the departments to standardize, without question the Adult is the most difficult. Yet this school has done it.

The leading spirit and directing power in this whole program has been the very capable Adult department superintendent, Mr. D. A. Spence. He has worked untiringly at the task of trying to make this department the best it has ever been. He had never even seen a standard Adult department until the one of which he is superintendent came to be one. There were many obstacles and difficulties along the way, as is always true in a great work of this kind, but Mr. Spence never did give up the effort to reach the very worthy goal that he had his mind and heart set upon, namely, to standardize the Adult department. Today it is a glorious reality and we extend to him, to Pastor C. Z. Holland, and to all the Adult officers and teachers our heartiest congratulations on reaching this most worthy goal.

The three standard Adult classes in that department are as follows: Laura Mosby, Mrs. Mary E. Galloway, teacher; Bena Virden, Mrs. Hermon Dean, teacher, and Ernie Nutt, Mrs. James Stewart, teacher. All of these have played a noble part in this great work.

This is simply another evidence of what can be done through good planning, ceaseless effort, loyal cooperation, and challenging leadership. There are many other classes and departments that should do the same thing that these have done. Leadership is what counts anywhere.

### Please Note!

Beginning August 1, the Sunday School Board changed its plan of having examination papers of individual study of training course books sent to the Nashville office.

Hereafter, they are to be mailed to the Sunday School Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., and not to the Nashville office as heretofore. We hope all those completing books by the individual study method will take note of this.

### Neshoba Campaign

During the week of August 20-25 twenty churches in the Neshoba County Association cooperated in a great Sunday school enlargement campaign, under the general direction and leadership of Rev. Kenneth G. Hall, the associational pastor, who is employed to lead in all the work in that association.

It was indeed a delightful pleasure for the Sunday school department to cooperate with Brother Hall and the other workers in the week's work. He had laid a good foundation of planning, study, and publicity, and had everything in readiness when the time came. Our department furnished several workers and the Neshoba association furnished several, so that there was one worker in each cooperating church for that week. Religious censuses were taken in most of the churches and, as usual, startling information was gathered from the census information. The class attendance each night was good and a great number of awards were earned that week.

All in all, we feel that it was a well-spent week, and one that will result in many dividends for the cause of Christ.

### Keep Training Records

Many churches are now in the process of putting in a card system of keeping accurate records of all their members as to their Sunday school training course credits. We would urgently request every church to do this important thing.

This will save much time and trouble because when planning a course of study information as to what has been taken previously will not have to be received from either the Jackson or the Nashville office, but can be gathered right in the church.

A simple card filing system will do this perfectly. We shall be glad to send to any church one of these cards as a sample so that others may be printed like it.

### No Meetings

So many Sunday schools that we visit have no meetings of their officers and teachers. How pathetic! It doesn't matter where the school is located or who the teachers are, no school can do its best work without regular meetings of the officers and teachers for study, checking, planning, etc. It is just as necessary for the leaders of a Sunday school to get together to study and plan their work as it is for the leaders of any other organization to get together to study and plan their work. No meetings! How tragic! Yet, this is the true story of all too many schools today. Officers and teachers know all too little about the work of all the school when there are no meetings for study and planning.

Brother superintendent, do you have meetings of the officers and teachers? If not, how about starting such right away. It always pays. Try it.

### MRS. WILL F. RISHER

Funeral services were held August 1, 1944 for Mrs. Will F. Risher at the Pachuta Baptist Church, Rev. J. E. Willis of Newton officiating. He was assisted by Rev. G. Elliot Jones and Rev. C. E. Dearman.

Interment took place in the family plot in the Pachuta cemetery.

Mrs. Risher was a native of Jasper county but moved to Pachuta some 35 years ago. She was born November 19, 1876 and was the daughter of the late Major and Mrs. James K. Thigpen. She was a consistent member of the Baptist church, a devout Christian, a good neighbor and a kind friend.

Her husband, William Foster Risher, preceded her in death three years ago, August 10.

She is survived by three children: Miss Mellie Bell Risher of Pachuta; Mrs. Percy Dear, Jr., of Meridian; James Knox Risher of Slidell, La.; and two grandchildren, James Knox Risher, Jr., and Evelyn Elaine Risher.

She also leaves to mourn her passing three sisters and two brothers: Mrs. N. A. Merrill, Meridian; Mrs. M. C. Granberry, Hattiesburg; Mrs. Charlie McKinley, Bay Springs; R. T. Thigpen, Laurel, and Boyt Thigpen, Taylorsville.

A host of other relatives and friends will ever hold dear her memory.

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## THE MINISTRY OF TRACTS

"The printed page never flinches, never shows cowardice; it is never tempted to compromise; it never tires, never grows disheartened; it travels cheaply, and requires no hired hall; it works while we sleep; it never loses its temper, and it works long after we are dead. The printed page is a visitor that gets inside the home, and stays there; it always catches a man in the right mood, for it speaks to him only when he is reading it; it always sticks to what it has said, and never answers back.

In his tract, 'Thistle-Seed' D. M. Pantton tells of the power of a tract in these words:

"Can any limit be put to the extent of its possible influence? Luther wrote a book on Galatians which, falling into Bunyan's hands, converted him; and the 139th translation (an African dialect) of *Pilgrim's Progress* has just been issued. We are told that more than 150,000,000 copies of Spurgeon's sermons have gone into circulation."

Sometimes a single tract or even a torn page of the Bible has influenced a whole nation. Such was the case in the conversion of Joseph Neesima of Japan in the well-known story of his life.

Centuries ago a young Frenchman, who had been wounded at the siege of Saint Quentin, was languishing on a pallet in a hospital when a tract that lay on the coverlet caught his eye. He read it and was converted by it. The monument of that man may now be seen before the Church of the Consistory in Paris, standing with a Bible in his hand. It is Admiral Coligny, the leader of the Reformation in France. But the tract had not yet finished its work. It was read by Coligny's nurse, a Sister of Mercy, who penitently placed it in the hands of the Lady Abbess, and she, too, was converted by it. She fled from France to the Palatinate, where she met a young Hollander and became his wife. The influence which she had upon that man reacted upon the whole continent of Europe, for he was William of Orange, who became the champion of liberty and Protestantism in the Netherlands.

The printed page is deathless: you can destroy one tract, but the press can reproduce millions. As often as it is martyred, it is raised. The ripple started by a given tract can widen to a stream down the centuries, until it beats upon the Great White Throne. How many lives have been changed or brightened by Newman Hall's tract, 'Come to Jesus,' or Hesba Stratton's 'Jessica's First Prayer.'

The prayerful and tactful distribution of the Scriptures, the exposition of the Bible or Bible texts in a wayside pulpit, the message of the Gospel in a shop window or on life's thoroughfares, so that he who runs may read; the use of the daily newspaper to broadcast a Gospel message, the table for literature in the vestibule of a church—all these are legitimate and fruitful methods of evangelism for our day. Only let us be sure that the printed page carries a true message and that we begin, continue, and end this ministry of the Gospel, in prayer." —Evangelism Today.

God has assuredly been pleased with Mississippi Baptists in their Tracts Ministry. This office this year is literally distributing hundreds of thousands of Gospel tracts. We have written evidence that their ministry brings joy and blessing. It is yet another State Mission service. Some day individuals and groups will provide monies for this work.

D. A. McCALL, Executive Secretary  
Department of State Missions — Jackson 105, Mississippi



## GOING PLACES

Our Text: 1 Timothy 4:13a and 15b:  
"Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL."  
Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

Groveton, Scott County, is Number 752 on EVERY FAMILY List

Pastor R. H. Daniels of Ludlow recently sent the Circulation Department of The Baptist Record the EVERY FAMILY list of Groveton church. This list contained 17 names.

Scott county now has Record readers listed as follows: GROVETON 17; BETHLEHEM 33; BRANCH 35; FOREST 134; GOOD HOPE 44; HARPERVILLE 45; HILLSBORO 33; HOMEWOOD 12; HOPEWELL 14; LAKE 45; Line Creek 1; LUDLOW 49; MORTON 74; OAK GROVE 16; PULASKI 20; SPRINGFIELD 63; CLIFTON 58; PLEASANT RIDGE 15; Union 1; New Home 5; SARDIS 21, and Liberty 5.

### Murphy Creek Adopts EVERY FAMILY Plan

One of the latest churches to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan is Murphy Creek, Winston county. Rev. F. H. Miller is the pastor. He has sent a list of more than 50% of the resident families and hopes to have others in the near future. Informed Baptists are better Baptists. Baptist Record readers in Winston county are as follows: BETHEL 12; CALVARY 33; ELLISON RIDGE 67; ENON 22; Good Hope 7; HARMONY 11; LIBERTY 35; LOUISVILLE 271; MURPHY CREEK 18; NOXAPATER 55; OAK GROVE 11; POPLAR FLAT 16; SHILOH 33, and UNION RIDGE 13.

Pastor Marvin L. Grubbs of Macedonia church, Union county, has sent a nice club of 10 subscriptions. This club helped us reach the 42,000 mark in circulation. We hope there are several other pastors who will help us reach 43,000 or better still "Let's make it forty-five before '45."

### Arlington Church Found Sample OK

A few weeks ago Arlington church sent a list to whom The Baptist Record was to be sent for one month. Evidently they liked the sample, for a few days ago Mrs. Birdie Hinton of Arlington church, Perry county, sent instructions to continue the list for 12 months.

### BILBO LIVELY IS STILL LIVELY Sends EVERY FAMILY List From Pleasant Hill Church, Union County

There's no stopping Bilbo Lively. A few months ago he found out how helpful The Baptist Record as among his members. He is pastor of several churches and keeps getting them to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan. The latest church is Pleasant Hill, Union county.

Baptist Record readers in Union county are as follows: PLEASANT HILL 14; AMAZIAH 20; CENTER 45; Blue Springs 6; GLENFIELD 35; MYRTLE 43; NEW ALBANY 312; Oak Grove 1; WALLERVILLE 35; Unity 1; Macedonia 10; ELLISTOWN 37; Neely Memorial 6; Shady Grove 1; ENTERPRISE 49.

R. A. Morris, pastor at Newton, also serves the church at Stratton. On August 27 they had five additions. The previous week he taught a study course and organized a B. T. U.

## To The Pastors Of The Mississippi Delta

The Delta Pastors' Conference will hold its first fall meeting at First Baptist Church, Greenwood on Tuesday, September 12, 1944 (not Monday), at 10:00 a. m.

The pastors of Deer Creek and Riverside Associations are invited to be our special guests; also the pastors of the other denominations in our area.

Dr. Velte, a Baptist leader of Pennsylvania, will address the conference on "Religious Activities Now and After the War." He will then lead in a round table discussion.

The pastors will be LUNCHEON GUESTS of Rev. E. Powell Lee, director of the Greenwood U. S. O. He is making plans for at least 100 Delta pastors.

Bring your fellow-pastors, a brief account of your summer's work, your best smile and a good appetite. Everything else will be provided free of charge.

C. J. Olander, President,  
W. R. Storie, Secretary.

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## Mississippi College Rejoices

A new term began this week at Mississippi College and President D. M. Nelson stated at chapel Tuesday morning that he thought it was remarkable that so many new students were present. Students are still coming daily and entering a few days late. Numerous others are expected when the new regular terms begins November 1.

There is a feeling of joy and satisfaction that the alumni debt to the Feild Cooperative Association has been paid and that both the college and the Alumni Association can now join the procession of those who are "debt free." We can now work and plan for bigger things in the future, such as the M. O. Patterson Memorial Endowment fund, the administration building, the dormitories for girls, etc. It is a great and glorious feeling to be out of debt. Thanks to Mr. B. B. Jones and Miss Frances Sale for their generous settlement on behalf of the Feild Cooperative Association. Congratulations to President Nelson for his leadership, and to all the faculty, alumni and friends who rejoice in the victory and who can now begin plans in earnest for what many have dreamed of—"Greater Mississippi College."

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George S. Jarman has resigned at Kingston, Tenn., to become pastor at First church, Barlow, Kentucky. Mississippians will remember him as pastor in the following Mississippi towns: Rienzi, Baldwyn and Ruleville.

## Writer Declares New Testament Course At Louisville Seminary Is "Ideal"

An article in the Presbyterian speaks of the poor showing made generally by candidates for the ministry, in English Bible, and remarks on how rarely in theological seminaries the English Bible is made central to undergraduate study. As an ideal in the matter, the writer recalls the course at the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville. "Under the late Dr. A. T. Robertson, who for forty-five years was head of the New Testament department, we have sat in silence while the undergraduate students recited and while Dr. Robertson lectured. It was the usual consensus of opinion among the Presbyterian graduate students present that not one of us could have stood the examination given by 'Dr. Bob' in this course, upon the basis of our undergraduate work in our own seminaries. This English New Testament course required more actual hard study than perhaps any other single course in the seminary. This Bible study was the basis for the courses in theology, and church history was also related to it."—Sunday School Times.

## Aberdeen Stewardship Conference

We ran recently the program for the Lucedale conference September 18, and also for the Hazlehurst conference, September 19, and Belzonia, September 20th. In this issue we give you the program for the conference at Aberdeen, September 21, with the same urgent request that you attend this conference if at all possible. The entire program has a message for every Mississippi Baptist. The program for Aberdeen follows:

10:00 a. m.—Song Service—R. E. Pate.  
10:15-11:00 a. m.—The Ground of Stewardship—15 minutes each:

1. God in Creation—John Measells.
2. God in Redemption—R. D. Pearson.
3. God in Providence—J. D. Ray.

11:10-11:30—God's Storehouse—E. D. Estes.

11:30-11:35—Song.

11:35-12:45—Dr. Earle V. Pierce, Minneapolis.

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2:30-2:45—Singing.

2:45-3:45—Bible Study—A. B. Pierce.

3:45-3:50—Prayer and Praise.

3:50-4:50—God Hath Led Us—A. F. Graeser, J. D. Thompson, L. F. Haire, Walter Johnson.

7:15-7:30—Song and Praise.

7:30-8:00—J. D. Franks.

8:00-8:25—Song.

8:25-9:30—Dr. Earl V. Pierce, Minneapolis.

—BR—

Great Lakes, Ill., Aug. 26—Just before taps each night, recruits in Co. 1456 at the U. S. Naval Training Center here gather together to close the day with a five-minute period of worship before "lights out." No chaplain leads this service, a new leader—Jew, Catholic or Protestant—being chosen each night from the men of the company to read briefly from the Bible or lead in prayer.

Last week's issue stated that J. W. Sturdivant of Merigold recently assisted J. R. Edwards and other workers of Greenville in a revival. We do not know how the error occurred, but it should have been J. R. Eubank, whom all Mississippians recognize as pastor of the Second church, Greenville.

In last week's issue it was stated that Dr. Wallace Bassett was elected president of the Board. The board referred to was the Relief and Annuity Board.

Illinois Baptists are rejoicing over a recent gift of \$10,000 by layman C. M. Wasson of Harrisburg, Illinois. The money is to be used to erect a girls' dormitory at Carbondale as a part of their Foundation. He had already given the same amount to the foundation for other purposes.

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Dr. D. Swan Haworth and First Baptist Church, Vicksburg, are always having delightful experiences. They are constantly hearing from their men in service. Recently one of their men sent \$25 from North Africa for the Now Club. Another in the South Pacific sent \$15 for the Now Club. That is a challenge to many of us who remain at home.

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### NORTHWEST MISSISSIPPI PASTORS' CONFERENCE WILL MEET AT SARDIS SEPTEMBER 12

The Northwest Mississippi Baptist Pastors' Conference will meet at Sardis on September 12, according to an announcement by the secretary, Rev. H. J. Rushing. The program follows:

Devotional—Rev. Brooks McMaster. Reports from pastors.

Conserving Revival Results—Rev. A. B. Pierce.

Challenging Possibilities in North Mississippi—Rev. J. B. Ray.

Matthew 5—Dr. H. L. Martin.

Matthew 6—Rev. M. C. Whitten.

Matthew 7—Rev. A. T. Cinnamon.

—BR—

### Per Capita Won't Do It

Lawson H. Cooke

It is dangerous in a campaign of any sort to reduce the objective to a per capita basis. At first glance, it seems to be good salesmanship, but very few campaigns work out on that basis.

Southern Baptists must not underestimate the enormous proportions of our Centennial Crusade objectives. It would be extremely unfortunate for us to minimize the necessary efforts by looking at those objectives through per capita glasses.

Pentecost is the greatest soul-winning day on record. But a Pentecost every Sunday next year would leave us eighty-four per cent short of our objective of one million baptisms. That objective will require approximately a Pentecost not every Sunday, but every day during the year.

It sounds easy when we say that a million baptisms will mean an average of only thirty-eight per church. But the picture changes when we realize that every year more than five thousand churches do not report a single baptism.

When we divide our membership into our stewardship objective of \$20,000,000, we arrive at a per capita of only \$3.63. Sounds easy, doesn't it? Per capitas always sound easy. But the catch in this one is that sixty-five per cent of the "caps" do not go to church, and many of those who do go, forget to take the "per" with them.

Church historians will record the year, 1945, as one of the greatest in the religious history of this nation, if not of the world, if we Southern Baptists will throw ourselves full-length into our great Centennial Crusade.

Our objectives, great though they be, will be realized through the complete cooperation, the untiring efforts and the constant praying of the entire denomination.

God will use Southern Baptists mightily in 1945.





**R. D. MATTHEWS**  
**FRANKLIN COUNTY FLIER**  
**VISITS ROME**

Somewhere in Italy,  
August 1, 1944.

R. D. Matthews, corporal in the army air forces, is one among many in the armed services who has not forgotten his church. He writes often to his pastor and sends his tithe regularly.

In a recent letter to his pastor, James E. Drane of Concord church, Franklin county, he said in part: "I am doing just fine in every way except for wanting to be with Alice (his wife) and Marilyn (his little daughter about two years old whom he has seen once). Since writing you last I have done quite a bit of traveling. I have visited Rome recently. It is a beautiful and modern city and will compare with most of the larger cities in the States.

"I am getting along just fine. We all have a job to do and one that we shall do to the end.

"Enclosed is a money order for \$10 to be disposed of at your most respected and accomplished discretion. Thank you in advance for your great spiritual guidance. I remain

"Respectfully yours,  
"R. D. Matthews."

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Thirteen additions are reported by the pastor, Guy A. Little, during the Strong River revival. He was assisted by D. W. Bishop of Holt, Ala. The church has extended an invitation for Brother Bishop to help in the revival next year.

The following have been recent visitors to The Baptist Record office: Rev. R. A. Eddleman, Clinton; E. S. Hilderbrand, Benton; Rev. Arlis E. Smith, Phoenix; Fred R. Langley, Jackson; Dr. O. P. Moore, Moorhead; Rev. Guy A. Little, Pinola; Rev. Howard Scarborough, Clinton; Rev. F. G. Welborn, Lucedale; Liston Draughn, Hurley; Chaplain Edgar L. Douglas, Fort Sill, Okla.; Rev. G. O. Parker, Magee; Mrs. James G. Blaine, Danville, Ky.; Rev. W. H. Wood, Brandon.

The Baptist Record has a copy of the first catalog of the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, established March 31, 1944 with headquarters in San Francisco, Calif. Isam B. Huges is president. Its first classes opened September 4. The address, Golden Gate Baptist Church, Gaskill and 54th streets, Oakland, Calif.

According to the American Baptist of Arkansas, the radio stations of Lubbock, Tex., have banned evangelical messages and programs from the air. Catholics, Jews, the Christian Alliance groups and the Federation of Churches are still allowed time. Thus another step toward totalitarian control of religion is taken.

It was my privilege to help Brother J. Hubert Hammett of New Zion church of Crystal Springs, Miss., in a meeting recently. He is a native of South Carolina, being reared near North Greenville Junior College. The church was greatly revived and as visible results, 20 were added to the membership. A very unusual experience occurred on the last Sunday evening. More than 45 members came forward to consecrate their talents to the Lord, just before the benediction one young man came forward for baptism and after the congregation had been dismissed the power of the Lord was so felt among the people that 11 came back into the church and joined for baptism.—J. S. Cobb, in The Baptist Courier (S. C.).

Dr. C. L. Niceley, pastor of First church, Sturgis, Kentucky, recently assisted Pastor W. O. Beaty in the revival at McIvor church, Panola county. This was Dr. Niceley's first Mississippi meeting. He speaks in the highest terms of Mississippi Baptists, Pastor Beaty and the McIvor Baptists.

The liquor industry, says an exchange, has proved its patriotism in this time of national emergency by asking that it be given the time for aging liquor to be used four years from now and that wheat be diverted from food channels for the manufacture of said liquor. Their patriotism is also shown by their unparalleled generosity in newspaper advertising. Nothing short of absolute political dumbness could justify even the offering of such an argument, to say nothing of heeding it. Its logic is that the world may be hungry, but it must first be made drunk.—Christian Advocate.

A recent chart by Rober Babson lists the spending of the average American dollar as follows: twenty-four cents for living, twenty-one cents for luxuries, twelve for waste, eleven for miscellaneous items, ten for investment, nine for crime, two for education and one for the church.—Alabama Baptist.

Meridian — (AP) — The Lauderdale County Ministers Association adopted "V-Day" plans, under which churches would be opened and services held at 10:30 a. m. to 4 p. m., depending on the time word of Germany's surrender is received. In addition a city-wide service is planned for the evening at the Central Methodist church.

According to the Western Recorder another priest has been brought to the U. S. at the expense of the helpless tax-payers. This time it is Juan Hernandez from Venezuela, S. A. "He is to study social service technique as a representative of the Venezuelan government."

Mrs. William Starks, route 1, Pittsboro, reminds us that three churches have been organized within three miles of Bruce since 1939. Pleasant Grove was organized in December 1939. It is located near the community known as Shepard's Crossing. Oak Grove was organized in August 1940 and is located between Bruce and Pittsboro. Both have completed their buildings and have dedicated them to the Lord. Rocky Branch was organized July 1944 with a membership of 23. They have already raised approximately \$400 and hope to build in the near future. C. T. Schmitz is the pastor of Rocky Branch. Rocky Branch church is pledged to the objects of the Cooperative Program and expects to apply for admission to Calhoun County Association at its coming session which meets with College Hill church.



**H. B. SPEIGHTS**

#### **H. B. SPEIGHTS GOES TO CORINTH PASTORATE**

Tate street church in Corinth gets one of Mississippi's finest as H. B. Speights leaves Silver Creek in Lawrence county and Hepzibah in Jefferson Davis county.

At Silver Creek the work has made much progress in the more than three years of his pastorate. Ten or fifteen Sunday school rooms stand as a lasting testimony to the work and vision of a good leader.

At Hepzibah, where the writer is better acquainted and has had opportunity to better appraise the results, we have watched the church grow from fourth time with afternoon appointments to a strong half-time church.

The church has done the greatest work of its long history in the past three years.

A surplus of almost one thousand dollars in the treasury attests to the fact that under the capable leadership of Brother Speights, good old Hepzibah has discovered its strength.—O. C. Chance.

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The city authorities of Birmingham have appointed 3,000 deputy police to help maintain order on the day that the war ceases in Europe. Other cities are taking like precautions. It's the desire of the city that everybody enter into the joys of the day but it all must be in decency and in order. On that day, whenever it comes, all downtown Birmingham will be taken over by the celebration and the business and transportation will temporarily cease. We saw this happen in Florence when the Armistice was signed November 11, 1918. All downtown Florence was taken over by the people; some wept, some shouted, some prayed, some sang the Star Spangled Banner. Solomon said there's "a time to mourn and a time to dance" and the dance he meant was like David when it was said he danced before the Lord in his joy. The time for mourning, as far as Europe is concerned, will soon be over and the time of joy will come.—Alabama Baptist.

An electrician was examining an electric refrigerator that was using too much electricity and could not find the reason. He idly asked the cook, "How do you like the refrigerator?" She answered, "Ah jes' like it fine. Ah opens the door and it cools off the whole kitchen."—Ex.

In a recent review of the book Heaven Below, it was stated that it had an attractive paper binding. This was an error. The book has a beautiful cloth binding. It sells for \$2.75 and is worth it. It may be ordered from Prentice-Hall, Inc., 70 Fifth avenue, New York.

#### **CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES** **By Rev. Leon V. Young, Clinton, Miss.** **Called and Accepted**

Lewis D. Haines, First, Starke, Fla.  
W. R. Lambert, First, Travelers Rest, S. C.

Claude V. Broach, St. Johns, Charlotte, N. C.

James H. Christie, Pinewood Park church, Miami Association, Fla.

John W. Ballard, Bellene, Macon, Ga.

R. Cranfill Brown, First, Sandersville, Ga.

Robert L. Whipple, vice-president, Campbell College, Buie's Creek, N. C.

W. A. Lockler, Yuese, Tex.

J. E. Pearson, Colgate, Md.

C. E. Volke, Druid Park, Baltimore, Md.

Donald Harlan, Riverside, Baltimore, Md.

James Borders, East Ridge, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Ralph W. Belon, chaplain, U. S. Navy.

W. H. Carrier, Hartsville, Tenn.

James C. Franklin, chaplain, U. S. Army.

Jack Atkisson, Thomas Hill church, Dallas, Tex.

Billy N. Wolfe, West Side, Fort Worth, Tex.

Geo. W. Riddle, Thomas church, Birmingham, Ala.

E. W. Evans, Creston, La.

W. E. Neill, Longview, Deville, La.

C. Roger Johnson, Central, Monroe, La.

Kenneth Cobble, Mascot, Knoxville, Tenn.

J. W. McKinney, Crowell Heights, Tulsa, Okla.

J. A. Land, First, Booker, Tex.

Geo. C. Hutto, First, Liberal, Tex.

Harry T. Copeland, Boyd's Creek, Chihowee Association, Tennessee.

O. D. Moore, Cliffside, N. C.

Fletcher Ford, Severn and Roberts Chapel, W. Chowan Association, N. C.

Henry S. Anabit, First, Prichard, Ala.

Gordon Whiteside, Keytesville, Mo.

Erdmann Smith, Delmar, St. Louis, Mo.

Geo. E. Stewart, Jr., First, San Marcos, Tex.

#### **Resigned**

R. L. Whipple, Bible teacher, Georgia Military Academy, Decatur, Ga.

James Borders, Dallisburg, Wheatley, Ky.

Ralph W. Below, Hartsville, Tenn.

Geo. S. Jarman, First, Kingston, Tenn.

Dalton Leath, Pleasant Grove, Owensboro, Ky.

J. W. Goss, Mt. Zion church, Mary, La.

G. W. Reppond, Jr., Campite, La.

Homer Duggar Sopchoppy, Aran and Mt. Elon, Ark.

Kenneth Cobble, Grace, Elizabethton, Tenn.

Wallace H. Carrier, Tabernacle, Louisville, Ky.

Collis Cunningham, Tallassee, Ala.

Fred Smith, Lawrenceville, Ga.

Frank McFaggart, Magnet, Tex.

Roy L. Puckett, Weaver Memorial, Louisville, Ky.

John W. Ballard, Willingham Ch., Macon, Ga.

R. Cranfill Brown, Pelham, Ga.

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From the Highland Evangel, of Meridian, we learn that the Brotherhood of Highland church on a recent Sunday presented services of worship in three homes where they have shut-ins. We commend this to other Brotherhoods. It is an excellent way to extend the services of the church and bring blessings to people unable to attend.



SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U.  
ATTENDANCE  
September 3

	SS	BTU
Beacon Church, Laurel	123	94
Crystal Springs	395	89
New Albany	448	162
Harrisburg (Lee county)	146	59
Brooklyn	91	44
Cross Roads (Webster Co.)	58	36
Wallerville	81	44
Rocky Creek	160	44
Luce Mission	22	
Marion	55	45
West Side, Natchez	92	54
Ellison Ridge (Winston Co.)	134	
Louisville	360	79
Hardy	100	21
Olive Branch	80	30
First church, Brookhaven	463	112
First church, Winona	236	61
Parkway, Jackson	443	108
Calvary, Jackson	764	189
First church, Jackson	818	178
Wellman (Lincoln county)	53	128
New Hope (Sunflower Assoc.)		
August 27	117	65
Crowder (Aug. 27)	101	70
Tishomino Chapel, Alcorn Co., (August 27)	90	27
Steen's Creek (Rankin county)	109	65

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G. C. Hodge of First church, Biloxi, did the preaching in the revival at Morgan City. Twelve were added to the church, eight of whom were for baptism. The Morgan church is majoring on winning men this year.—C. J. Olander, pastor.

Pastor C. C. Carraway of Interstate Chapel church, Bolivar county, conducted the music in their revival and the visiting minister was H. G. Logan of Duncan. The additions numbered 12. Good crowds attended both services daily.

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SOVIET AUTHORITIES OFFICIALLY  
DENY AGREEMENT WITH  
VATICAN

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Moscow (By Wireless to RNS)—Soviet authorities have officially denied reports of Russian overtures to the Vatican looking toward agreement on religious and social problems in liberated countries.

Rumors of such agreement are nevertheless expected to arise from time to time in the future as Soviet troops advance further in countries where populations are heavily Roman Catholic, especially Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Western Germany.

Moscow sources stress that the prestige of the Soviet Union has grown so enormously since the beginning of the war as to preclude the Kremlin from initiating discussions.

It is emphasized, at the same time, that the Soviet government has no intention of infringing upon freedom of religion in any liberated country, and that such matters within each country are entirely for its government to consider.

Thus, Vatican problems with Poland, it is pointed out, will logically have to be taken up with the Polish Committee of National Liberation, or the Polish National Council, and questions dealing with Czechoslovakia with the Czechoslovak government. No reason is seen for the Soviet Union to be involved directly in such discussions.

BAPTIST RECORD

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Sunday Work Doesn't Pay

By Sara Bradford Saunders

Ever since we took over the management of this farm a year ago people have been hammering at us from all sides to do business with them on Sundays. They come to us with, "We brought our mule to put on pasture," "We want to talk to you about getting twenty-five acres on shares," or "Rent us a field, sell us your brooder, your lawn mower, your chickens, your turkey eggs, rent us your house."

"Come back some other day; we do not like to talk business on Sunday." "This is the only day we can come," they reply. "We are running a farm, working in a defense plant and operating a store. We can't come any other day."

Everyone it seems, has at least three irons in the fire.

None of the ventures, which we have entered into on Sunday, have prospered. The mule, for instance, was more trouble and cost our hired man more labor than the amount paid for his pasture for the month.—Baptist and Reflector.

READER RECALLS AUTHOR OF  
THE LITTLE BAPTIST

The Baptist Record is running serially a little story entitled "The Little Baptist," written by my old friend and "boss," Esq. J. M. Martin, who at the time of publication of the book was editor of the Corinth Herald.

I was boarding in Esq. Martin's home when I first heard of "The Little Baptist." It was in the 1880's. Esq. Martin had received a copy of the book and a royalty check from the Baptist Publishing House at Nashville. The old gentleman was greatly pleased at the success of his venture in authorship, and was showing the book and check and talking about it in the family circle.

I recall that my chief attraction was to the unusual name of one of the characters, "Mellie." I asked him where he got the name, but do not recall his reply. I had forgotten the little book until the first installment, with the name of the author, appeared in The Baptist Record.

Esq. Martin was one of the best men I ever knew. He and his devoted wife were like father and mother to me, and Judson, his only son, and his three fine daughters composed a family circle with which my years of association was a highlight in my own career.

They have all long since gone to their reward. I alone and "The Little Baptist" remain of that beautiful association, and may I express the hope that we shall carry on in the best traditions of the hope and faith of the old editor and his excellent family.—E. T. Winston, in The Pontotoc Progress.

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MAKING WOMEN WORK FOR  
THE BREWERS

Has the WPB ever satisfactorily explained its order releasing metal for one billion cans to be filled with beer for shipment overseas?

How can this agency of the government appeal to the women of America to save tin for scrap drives with its directive turning over the almost precious metal to the brewers?

The millions of housewives who are daily flattening tin cans believe they are saving tins for essential war purposes—for use in materials of war or in preserving foodstuffs. Are they merely working for the brewers?

Must valuable shipping space, as well as precious tin, be given over to the purposes of the brewing industry? Since when have alcoholic drinks become essential to the war effort? Remember the air ace to whom Eddie Rickenbacker pledged a case of Scotch, only to find that he never touched the stuff?—Christian Science Monitor.

CORRECTION

Through an error of our printer of the Leflore County Minutes, which mistake none of us seemed to notice, our meeting this year is printed as being on October 14th. This is a mistake—THE MEETING IS ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11th, WITH THE LOWLAND CHURCH, NEAR DODDSVILLE.

Yours very sincerely,

Edw. J. Caswell, Minister,  
Greenwood, Mississippi.

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Landlady (to prospective tenant): "You know we keep it very quiet and orderly here. Do you have any children?" P. T.: "No." Landlady: "A piano, radio, or victrola?" P. T.: "No." Landlady: "Do you play any musical instruments? Do you have a dog, cat, or parrot?" P. T.: "No, but my fountain pen scratches a little sometimes."

Dr. Selsus E. Tull, Leavell Woods, Jackson, Mississippi, has just returned from conducting a good revival at Trimble, Tennessee. This was the fourth revival Dr. Tull has conducted since June, one of them was in Kentucky, two in Mississippi and one in Tennessee.



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## INTERMEDIATE EMPHASIS WEEK

Have you planned your Intermediate Emphasis Week? Next week is the regular time suggested, but any time is a good time for it. If you have let it slip up on you, do it yet. If you would like to have a leaflet that explains it, drop us a card. We mailed these recently to every Intermediate leader whose name we have. We realize there are some leaders whose name is not on our mailing list. If you will give us your name we will be glad to add it to our list.

Intermediate Emphasis Week is planned in the interest of the boys and girls of Intermediate age. We want to give them the very best opportunities we can in our churches. During this week they will be given special recognition. They will serve as ushers, take the collection, have charge of prayer meeting, and sit in on conferences specially designed to help them with their problems. Do you love your boys and girls? Then do something special for them occasionally.

Twenty new unions for last month in the state. Four Story Hours, five Junior Unions, four Intermediate Unions, three Young People's Unions and four Adult Unions.

YES, THIS IS SEPTEMBER! What about it? Time for election of officers for next term. Give them several weeks to get ready for their work. Time also for your fall study course.

## No Summer Slump For Jackson First B. Y. P. U. Department

Old Man Summer Slump has been made most uncomfortable in the vicinity of Jackson this summer. During the months of July and August the Young People's Training Union Department of First church sponsored a "Squelch the Summer Slump" contest, the object being to bring in visitors and encourage them to become new members. Each visitor counted five points for the union he attended and each new member added ten points. The Progressive Union, made up mainly of Business College students, was declared the winner and is to be entertained by the rest of the department. There was a total of thirty-one new members during the contest period.

## New Albany Has Enlargement Crusade

August 20-24 were busy days for the Training Union crowd in the New Albany church. A program of enlargement was the chief interest of more

Mt. Oral church, Jones county, has just experienced a genuine revival. The people came regularly, listened intently and responded actively. Fourteen received for baptism and eight by letter. The attendance at Sunday school the Sunday following the meeting was the largest for this year. The preaching was done by young Brother Thurman Stone, originally of North Carolina, for the past two years a student in B. B. I. and, at present, a student at Clarke College. —Bryan Simmons, pastor.

Herbert Craft, assistant clerk, Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Smith county, has sent The Baptist Record a list of 11 of their service men to whom they wish The Baptist Record, sent. This is a good plan and any Mississippi Baptist church should send the Record to service men from their church. It helps to tie them on to the church and when they come back they will show their appreciation.

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We recently closed a helpful revival meeting at Tangipahoa Baptist Church in Pike county near McComb. We were fortunate in having A. L. Goodrich, editor of The Baptist Record, to do the preaching, and W. G. Mize, superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage, leading the singing. Bro. Goodrich's messages were very helpful. He effectively led us in a study of the entire book of First John at the morning services while his night messages were along the line of evangelism and church emphasis. Splendid crowds attended every service. There were twenty additions and we had seven or eight waiting for baptism prior to the meeting which made up a nice size group the pastor was privileged to baptize a few days ago. On the closing night of the meeting the pastor, the singer, and the visiting preacher were given a splendid shower as a love gift, also the pastor's salary was raised twenty-five per cent. We are grateful to the people of Tangipahoa for the fine spirit of loyalty prevailing there.—A. W. Talbert, pastor.

Hepzibah church, Jeff Davis county had Evangelist W. A. "Slick" Greene with them in their summer meeting. Though they were without a pastor since the going of Rev. H. B. Speights to Corinth they had one of the best meetings in many years with a number of additions by letter and faith in Christ.

Alfred, N. Y.—(RNS)—The General Conference of Seventh-Day Baptists here rejected a resolution that would have authorized a committee to publish the reasons for wishing to withdraw from the Federal Council of Churches as held by those who disapprove of the denomination's membership in the cooperative body.

than a hundred faithful workers. This good church had at the beginning of the week one Story Hour, two Junior Unions, three Intermediate Unions, two Young People's Unions, and two Adult Unions. Classes for all age groups were organized, special emphasis was placed on enlistment, and plans were laid to start off on the following Sunday night with four units of the Story Hour, three Junior Unions, four Intermediate Unions, two Young People's Unions and four Adult Unions. This gives them an increase in unit organizations of seven, or an increase from ten to seventeen. New leaders were enlisted, and the report should be coming in soon of a large number of new members. The attendance ran from 108 to 115 during the week. On Thursday night after examinations lots of good fun was enjoyed and the social committee served a supper consisting of fried chicken and all that goes with it.

## Crystal Springs Loses Director

Friends of Mr. Edwin A. Alderman will regret losing him from Mississippi. He goes to Augusta, Ga., where he will be connected with a large lumber company. He has served faithfully as director of the Crystal Springs Training Union for some time. At the meeting of the District Training Union Convention for District One he was elected to the office of vice-president. We hate to lose him from this office. His going leaves us the poorer but makes the Augusta, Ga., Baptists the richer. He will find his place among them and will soon be leading in Training Union work there as he did here. Our best wishes go with him.

## Joe Davis Heacock Goes to Southwestern

For more than a year Training Union leaders over the south, especially associational leaders have followed the leadership of Mr. Joe Davis Heacock, who has been connected with the Southwide Training Union Department in charge of promoting Associational Training Union work. He has just severed connection with the Sunday School Board to accept a position on the faculty of Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas. Mr. Davis has certainly proved his leadership ability, for in these short months the work over the south has gained momentum which will make it easier for his successor to carry on to glorious heights. We have not lost him to our work, for he will be teaching in the School of Religious Education and will be influencing the future leadership of our denomination. Our best wishes go with him, and our prayers will be for him.

Sardis, Smith county: Barney Walker led our revival and his preaching was very effective. There were 27 additions. He was invited to return next year.—D. W. Moulder, pastor.

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## Margaret Lackey Season Of Prayer For State Missions, September 11-13

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This is the time set apart for the observance of a Season of Prayer for State Missions.

The picture of a show window in the Baptist Book Store puts Mississippi and her State Mission activities in the fore-front—on the side you see a map of the world indicating the field into which we are commanded to go.

The colored ribbon streamers point out the types of State Mission work. Do you see with me the significant place Mississippi holds in the world program? It is basic. If we fail to evangelize and teach to observe all things that He taught, we fail to obey His commands—and to obey is better than sacrifice.

Will you put your best in praying and giving into this State Mission effort? May the Lord's will be done through you and your efforts.

### Oklahoma City Makes Ready to Welcome W. M. U. Convention Folk

Kermit J. Hardwick, Chairman Visitors Division, Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce

Oklahoma City—where hospitality is a treasured tradition and modern methods of handling convention visitors have been perfected as a fine art—is making ready to greet members of the Woman's Missionary Union and their friends for what promises to be a memorable meeting in the long annals of W. M. U.

Full resources of the Conventions Committee of the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce have been placed in the service of W. M. U. representatives making arrangements for the great host of Baptists expected here, September 19 to 21. Delegates and visitors will find the host city prepared for their comfort, convenience and enjoyment to the utmost of war time limitations.

Many perhaps will enjoy Oklahoma and its capital city for the first time. It is interesting to note that Oklahoma and W. M. U. are about the same age—just over the half century mark. Here they will see one of the nation's cleanest, youngest and most amazing cities—"A city where dreams came true while the dreamers yet were young."

Here they will find a state whose most famous statue of the Pioneer Woman at Ponca City is dedicated to the glorious part of womanhood in building the magical west—a bronze symbol of courage, service and faith... with a Bible in one hand and the other holding a buoyant son; both with eyes uplifted to the future.

The founding of Oklahoma City is perhaps the most dramatic incident of a city's birth in the history of America since it sprang into being between a sunrise and a sunset as a lusty village of 10,000 souls housed in tents on a prairie rolling down to a river's bank.

That was on April 22, 1889, when an army of homeseekers lined up about the borders of a section in central

Oklahoma guarded by United States soldiers and waited impatiently for the rattle of carbines at noon to signal the opening to white settlement of the land recently acquired by the government from the Indians.

At the appointed hour the thousands of men, women and children broke over the frontier of the "beautiful land" and that evening most of them had staked out claims somewhere beyond the new frontier. The greatest congregation was on the site of the present Oklahoma City.

It was a milling, eager and sometimes boisterous mass of folk who vied that night for townlots.

Conspicuous among the rude signs stuck up to mark the claims of new landowners was this placard, planted at what later became a main street intersection: "Dedicated to the Lord."

On that spot, under the moonlight of Oklahoma City's first night, there was held on that spot the first religious service that was to set the pattern for the "City of Churches" that came into being.

Today Oklahoma City lays claim to the distinction of having one street on which, within a space of eight blocks, more people attend church services each Sunday than in any other similar area in the United States.

Within this distance on North Robinson avenue between Fourth street and Twelfth street, there are today imposing church structures housing Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Christian, Lutheran and

Scientist congregations.

The men and women who settled Oklahoma City came from older and more established communities throughout the nation. They brought with them the tried and proven doctrine that no community can prosper and grow successfully unless its foundation is the church and the school. And these two elements of civic life have been a watchword through the fifty-five years of Oklahoma City's remarkable growth.

The city today has 154 churches representing all denominations. It has become a favorite convention site for church gatherings of all kinds, partly as a result of its central location on the map of the United States and partly because of the facilities for such gatherings that have been provided.

Contributing to its attractiveness as a convention city is its imposing municipal auditorium, one of a group of buildings on its \$10,000,000 Civic Center, which has been included by the American Society of Architects as one of the 100 most beautiful public buildings in the United States.

### The World In Books

The center of the Exhibit Hall of the Municipal Auditorium, Oklahoma City, where Woman's Missionary Union will meet September 19-21, will be devoted to the most complete and comprehensive display of missionary books ever assembled in a Southern Baptist meeting. Under the skilled and experienced direction of Mr.

George W. Card, Miss Thelma Brown and the staffs of the Sales and Advertising Department of the Sunday School Board and the two Book Stores of Oklahoma and Missouri, books on every phase of missions, missionary education and inspiration are being assembled for the benefit of the delegates and visitors to that meeting.

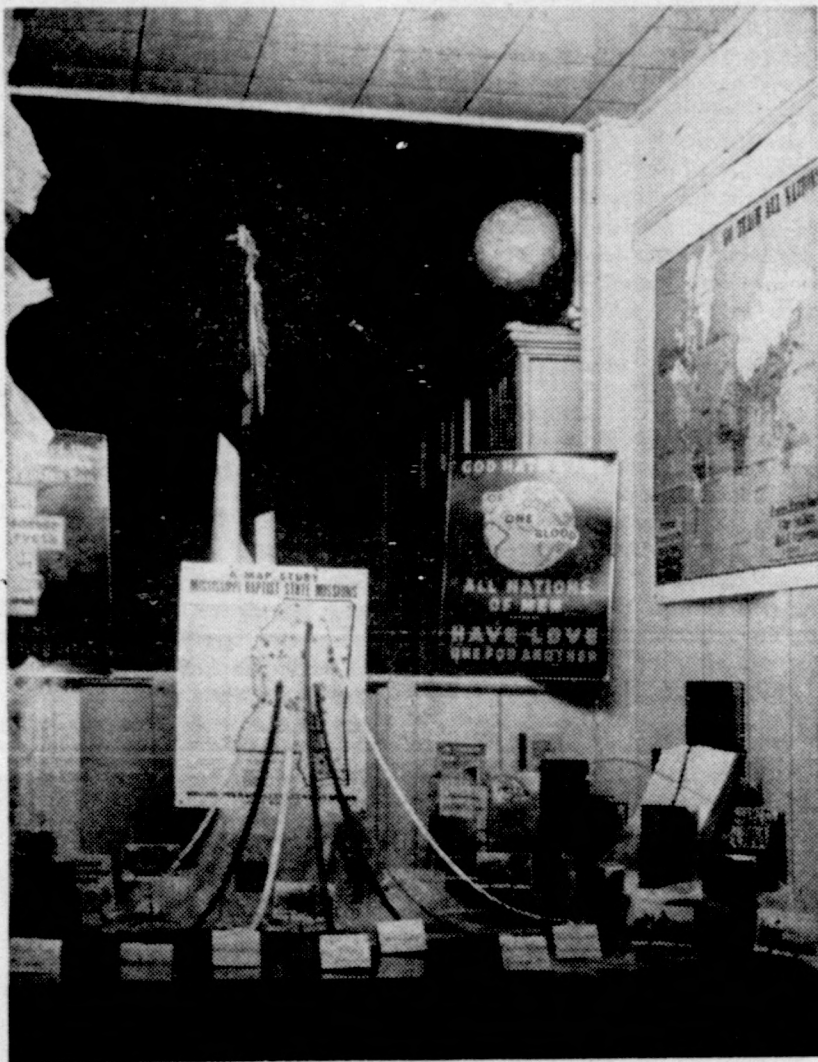
There will be tables of books by world figures dealing with missions and kindred problems; books on peoples and countries; on American life and problems; missionary devotionals, sermons and socials; Bibles and books on Bible distribution; the latest books on missions in a world at war; experiences with God on battle fronts; changing conditions in China, Chile and the Congo—and in every other land where Christian missions is a powerful factor in today's headlines.

There will be books telling of the strange and friendly peoples your son or daughter is living among in far-away lands—the Fuzzie Wuzzies of Papua—or the Arabs of Iraq—or the Hindoos of the China-Burma-India front. Books that will step you up to march along with that boy of yours who, some day please God, will be coming back from Italy, or Africa, or Australia. And all this is missions!

Every delegate and visitor should come prepared to spend at least a couple of hours in this Book Exhibit, plan for mission study classes, reading circles and round tables for advanced study; list in a notebook the books that illuminate and illustrate the study of countries and peoples; the story books that enrich missions for children; and the maps, pictures and teaching materials that will attract even the most indifferent woman, if used aright—with prayer! Here's the place to hunt for the right book for that difficult group of young business women, or the circle that is is bored with mission study! Here are all the textbooks and rich books for background study for the teachers of them.

Every pastor who comes along with his women to the meeting will find this exhibit a treasure-trove of the "story behind the news," where Christian missions move as "God within the shadow, keeping watch above His own"—behind the battle lines, in advance of the marching armies. Here is the new and inspiring fuel to lighten many a sermon of today with the prophetic fire of tomorrow's dawn.

Other exhibits in that same hall will take another hour of anybody's time for all the activities of Woman's Missionary Union will be there so far as visual material can portray them, centering around a great map of the world, the airways map of tomorrow's world. If you are coming, plan to stay a while in Exhibit Hall, study, make notes and buy a book or two. For a souvenir of the W. M. U. meeting, buy a world vision—in a book! —Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, South-wide Mission Study Chairman.





## THE LITTLE BAPTIST

(Continued from Page One)

they spoke the word of the Lord to him and all that were in his house. They were not in the jailer's house, for they had come out of the prison. Then the jailer took them and washed their stripes; and was baptized. Now, doesn't it look reasonable that he took them where there was water to 'wash their stripes'—to some stream or pool? After washing their stripes he was baptized. And after he had brought them into his house again, he set meat before them; so you see the jailer was not baptized in the house. But suppose they never went outside the prison walls, could there not have been a pool there to furnish water for the prison? When the Bible tells how anyone was baptized, it is always in a river or a place of much water; and where it just says 'they were baptized,' we ought to be satisfied that it was all done the same way. Now turn to the third chapter of John; there it says that 'John (the Baptist) was baptizing in Enon, near to Salim, because there was much water there.' Now, if it required much water for John to baptize the people, don't you think it would have required much water for Paul to baptize the jailer? If you had not gone to church on yesterday, and had been told that Laura Thompson was baptized in the meeting-house, you would never have thought, perhaps, that she was immersed. For you would have thought, no doubt, that there was not water enough there for that; but when the pulpit was rolled back, you saw a pool of water—a baptistry, they call it—and it is no more strange that there should be such a thing within the walls of a prison than in a meeting-house."

"O, but I tell you, Mellie," said Frank, "Paul was a Presbyterian, because he was not baptized in any of your rivers, nor pools either. I have read about it somewhere myself, and I remember to have heard Dr. Farnsworth say that 'the presumption is very strong that Paul was baptized either by sprinkling or pouring, and that, too, while he was standing on his feet.' And you remember that when Dr. Farnsworth baptized Mr. Snyder, he said: 'As Ananias said unto Paul, Arise and be baptized'; and when Mr. Snyder stood on his feet while Dr. Farnsworth poured the water on his head, it fixed the impression on my mind that that was the way Paul was baptized. But, here, take the book and find the place—we'll read it."

"Yes, I have it marked," said Mellie, "it's in the ninth chapter of Acts. After Ananias had gone to him, 'he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.' Then, again, in the twenty-second chapter, Paul says himself, that Ananias said unto him: 'Why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized,' etc."

"Well," said Frank, "do you see any immersion in this? Won't Paul do for a Presbyterian? He was baptized just like Dr. Farnsworth baptized Mr. Snyder."

Buddie," said Mellie. "If he were only been immersed; and Ananias' question of the subject. We have already seen that Christ was baptized in the river Jordan, and Paul being a follower of Christ, was, of course, baptized in the same way that Christ Himself was. This ought to be conceded, unless there is positive proof to the contrary, which we fail to find. But, then, I guess that Paul is capable of settling this dispute. He surely knew himself how he was baptized, and how others

## ARIZONA HAS NEW SECRETARY-EDITOR

The Baptist General Convention of Arizona has called Brother Willis J. Ray of Dallas, Texas, as secretary and editor of Baptist Beacon and he is now on the field. Secretary Ray was born in Kansas but moved to Texas three years ago and engaged in the newspaper business till he surrendered to the ministry more than fifteen years ago. He is a graduate of Wayland College, Plainview, Texas, Hardin Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, and attended Southwestern Baptist Seminary. He is a product of our own Texas schools.

Brother Ray has spent six years in the pastorate of some of our best churches in West Texas and for the past seven and one-half years has served very successfully as one of the 17 district missionaries of Texas. When he was called to the present position he was associate executive secretary with Dr. W. W. Melton and superintendent of evangelism of the great state of Texas.

in his day were baptized. So we will take his answer from the sixth chapter of Romans. Here, now, what he says: 'So many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ, were baptized into his death; therefore we are buried with him by baptism,' etc. Again, he reminds the Colossians, in the second chapter and twelfth verse, that they were 'buried with Him (Christ) in baptism,' and says to them, 'Wherein also ye are risen with Him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.' And I tell you now that Paul will not begin to do for a Presbyterian, but he was a Baptist, all over. He proves that himself; the jailer, and the Christians to whom he was writing, were all buried by baptism. So I say that Philip was a Baptist, and that Paul was just as good a Baptist as Philip, and that they both baptized just like John the Baptist did, and like the Baptist people do now—just like you saw Mr. Coleman baptize yesterday."

"Nonsense, Mellie, nonsense," replied Frank, sarcastically. "Buried in baptism is only a figurative expression. No allusion is had to water baptism, at all. I have heard this explained often. Paul was talking about the baptism of the Spirit, and not about literal baptism. You must remember that much of the Bible is given to us in figurative language, and must not be interpreted literally."

"La! la Buddie," said Mellie, "have you been all this time in college, and never learned that figures are always representative? Why, Mr. Hamilton taught me this before I had been in his school six months, that a figure is like a picture, and as such must represent something. You can't have a shadow without a substance; nor can you express a figurative idea without first having in view the thing from which the figure is drawn. Mr. Hamilton made this all so plain that I have never forgotten it; and mamma has taught me a great deal about the figures of speech in the Bible. Why, before I understood this, I could not make any sense out of many texts that I read. I found that in one place Christ was called the Sun, in another a Rock and still in another the Door, but when mamma explained it to me it was all plain. I understood the nature of the sun, of the rock, and of a door, and could see at once how the figures conveyed the ideas. Then mamma explained to me what David in the Psalms meant when he talked about being overwhelmed with trou-

bles, and when I got started in it I could understand a great many of the figures of speech. I could then understand that the reason Christ called His sufferings a baptism, was because they were overwhelming. So, now, if Paul used a figure of speech to explain the work of the Holy Spirit, when he said, 'We are buried with Christ by baptism,' it then follows that the literal baptism is a burial also. If baptism is a literal burial and raising up, then I can understand the figure drawn from it to be a baptism too, when the idea expressed is going from death unto life. If Paul were speaking about baptism in water, of course he meant immersion, and if the work of the Holy Spirit was meant, and figuratively called a burial, it is just as strong—just as positive proof. If the figure of water baptism is a burial, that proves that the baptism is like that. So you may take it any way you please, but if you will only take it according to the laws of language on every other subject, you will find that the Bible means immersion every time baptism is mentioned."

"Well, Mell, said Frank, "if you are distinguished for any one thing in particular, it is for having a good memory. You have not only repeated Mr. Hamilton's lecture on figurative language, but you have supplemented it with some Baptist preacher's sermon. I think we had better adjourn now for a little recreation."

## KNOW YOUR BIBLE

(Answers on Page Fifteen)

1. In John 6:1, reference is made to "the sea of Tiberias." Where will you find another name of this sea?

2. What was the name of the orphan who came from a strange land, and later was made queen because of her beauty?

3. A servant was sent on a long journey to select a bride for the only son of his master. Can you name the bride and bridegroom?

4. Paul wrote to the Galatians, calling attention to "how large a letter" he had written. Did Paul mean a lengthy letter?

"All right," said Mellie, "if you are tired we'll stop, but I have been too much interested to think about getting tired. I want to find out the truth; you know, Buddie, we should 'buy the truth and sell it not.' But what do you say about figurative language being always drawn from literal speech, like the shadow from the substance?"

"Well, I guess that is according to the books—I will study more about it," replied Frank, and the conversation ended.

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# Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell

Lesson for September 10  
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An Illustration of the Working of  
God's Electing Grace

I Samuel 16. Introduction.

Read the whole chapter. We have in it one of the most charming stories in God's great story book. The story contains some very profound teaching. Let us read it now by sections.

I. God commands Samuel to cease mourning, verses 1-5. It was, of course, natural that Samuel should be heavy of heart, as the suspicion grew into certainty that Saul was not fit to rule God's people. He began well, but sin hindered him, tripped him up, that he fell headlong on the way. He started running well and that along the main highway home to God, but the devil beckoned him into a side-road that faded and was lost in a jungle filled with tangled undergrowth amid which poisonous reptiles crawled and coiled and hissed.

So God rejected Saul as king over his people and commanded Samuel after a time to cease to mourn for him. There is, of course, a time for mourning, but that time must not continue interminably. Beyond every time of trouble is a time of tranquility for those who lose themselves in the will and work of the Lord. Beyond every quagmire of tears and deep distress there is the sure footing of the bed rock of God's eternal truth, whereon we may walk with Him. Beyond every night is the dawn. Beyond every sob the song of joy under the Lord. For every situation which demands the qualities of courageous manhood in the Kingdom of God, He has somewhere a man whose measure of body and mind and heart do fill the demand of that situation. "I have provided me a king," and so the words of God run. He has no need of a man but somewhere he has the man to fill that need.

"Take a heifer with thee, and say, 'I am come to sacrifice to Jehovah.'" All right. Did the Lord God Almighty teach Samuel to tell a lie? No! There are some people whose lawless conduct deprived them of the right to learn the truth. A drunken ruffian, bent on murder, might trail his intended victim into the house of a helpless woman and, coming to the door of it, demand of her whether his intended victim is within. No principle of Christian ethics would force her to tell that ruffian the truth, and she would be serving God by deceiving him into believing that his intended victim had gone away. As a secondary reason for his journey to Bethlehem, Samuel could indeed say, "I have come to sacrifice," but this was not his primary reason for his journey to Bethlehem.

II. How God selects. Verses 6-13. The scene of the action described in these verses is not definitely located. We are simply told that "he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called to them to the sacrifice." Then begins the story of the selection of the elected king. See how the sons of Jesse pass before the graybeard prophet.

1. Eliab. Get an eye-ful of that big fellow, will you? Tall, almost as tall, broad shouldered, big breasted, hairy chested, strong hipped, scaler

## MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE B. S. U. HOLDS SESSION OF "KRAN KOLLEGE"

Saturday night was a gala time with the new students registering in the church basement for a session of "Kran Kollege." The "students" were welcomed by Kran Kollege President Benny Loyd, who directed all to their "klassen."

At "knapel" the faculty members were introduced as follows: "Buzz" Caul as Dean Crackbrain, and Miss Margaret Martin as Miss Me Too led the freshmen. James Riley as Dean Halfwit and Miss Marie Skinner as Miss Ican Doit Better led the sophomores. Robert Lee as Dean Numb-skull and Miss Catherine Crigley as Miss Cutie Pie led the juniors. Dewey Bennett as Dean Knowit All and Miss Jean Berry as Miss Antiwise were with the seniors.

The Kampus Kharacters were introduced and included—The Kampus Flirt—Susan Spitchley; the "Dood"—Dan Cameron; the Sissy—Herschel Thornell; the Roughneck—A/S Arlo A. Herrick; the Snob—Willie Mae Kurz; the Intellect—Eloise Spencer.

Several "kontests" were held for representatives from the klassen, which included Art, Music, Reading, Popularity, Acting and Sports. The "kollege trustees," composed of Mississippi College Professors Cranfill, Thompson, Barnes, Nelson and Dees, announced the Junior Klass to be the winners with the Seniors as runners-up.—Dewey Bennett.

of the hills. Why, he could pick a sheep up and throw it over his head backwards. Who doesn't love a man like that? Sure-footed, big-handed, well muscled. As soon as Samuel saw him, he said to himself, "Surely Jehovah's anointed is before Him." But Jehovah said to Samuel (I do not know just how), "Look out! Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have rejected him." What do you suppose Eliab thought? We are not told that the sons of Jesse knew the exact significance of what Samuel was doing, but it is safe to assume that they knew it was something special, and I think it is also safe to assume that when Jesse called big-boy Eliab to come into the presence of Samuel that Eliab said within himself, "That's me! Whatever Samuel has to bestow upon any one of my dad's lads belongs of course to me. I am the oldest, the biggest, the tallest, and the strongest." Now, Eliab, those are the very reasons you won't do. You think entirely too much of Eliab. As long as Eliab sets Eliab before God, God will set Eliab behind God.

2. Abinadab. "He said, 'Neither hath Jehovah chosen this.'" I just wonder why. Eliab stood up in his own handsome strength, and the Lord God knocked him down. I wonder if Abinadab came haltingly before the prophet, thinking his case a hopeless one, since Eliab had been rejected. Well, in that case, his failure arose from the same source as Eliab's. He trusted in himself, and Abinadab mistrusted in himself. The trouble with each was himself, and so each was rejected.

3. Shammah and his seven younger brothers. In they come, out they go. The word was the same for all of them, "Neither hath Jehovah chosen this." Again I wonder why. We are not told, but I have a well-grounded suspicion that the more of them came, the smaller they got. And they were small of power and personality, of

## MISSISSIPPIAN HELPS PROVIDE BIBLES FOR MARSHALL ISLANDS

By Sergeant William C. Harris  
Marine Corps Combat Correspondent  
Formerly of The Morning News,  
Savannah, Ga.

Somewhere in the Marshall Islands—(Delayed)—The natives of this section of the Marshall Islands now have new Bibles in their own language, thanks to marines and navy men stationed here.

When we landed here in February, we were surprised to see Bibles in many of the huts. Bibles translated into the island tongue. The gracious natives gladly gave them to those who expressed a wish for them. Later, it was learned that it's the custom to give almost anything a friend expresses a desire for.

Lieutenant George P. LaBarre, of Yazoo City, Miss., the navy chaplain assigned to this marine outfit, announced that he would attempt to secure new Bibles in Marshallese for the natives and would accept contributions in any amount.

One marine corporal donated \$105. A total of more than \$250 was contributed and Chaplain LaBarre ordered the Bibles from the American Bible Society in Boston. They have just arrived and are being distributed to the natives by the chaplain.

stamina and intellectual stature, because they were content to be small. It's easier to be little than it is to be big. It's easier to lie down than it is to stand erect. It's easier to rest than it is to wrestle. It's easier to lean than it is to lift. And ah! how many leaners there are in this world. Suppose the real object of Samuel's mission leaked to these brothers and each one shook his head and said, "Not for mine. I'd rather mind sheep. Don't talk to me about living in a palace. I'd have to take a bath every week, and wear my shoes tied all the time, keep my hair combed, and wear a crown, and answer no end of questions, and when a war came, I'd have to go and fight in the fore-front and lead the army. Excuse me." Do you know some people like that? You know a chap who is the cube root of the vacuum, the net product of nothing, a zero with the rim rubbed off, a poor little chap whose soul has never grown, whose personality is negative, whose ego is so infinitesimal that you might put a dozen such in the empty shell of a mustard seed and then fill it with water and leave enough room for each to swim in as a bullfrog would have in Moon Lake? I'm afraid that's what was the matter with the eight sons of Jesse, at the head of which column stood Shammah. There they are, all ten of them, and not a one fit. Samuel the aged looked upon them as the last went scuttling away and said, "I don't understand this. Jesse, are these all the sons you have?" "There is a little chap out minding the sheep." "Send for him quick. We won't eat until he comes in."

4. David. Take a look at him, will you? The roses of health in his youthful face, handsome of face and figure, a wealth of brown hair, wind-blown from his high forehead and falling down so low as his shoulders. "Get up. Get up and anoint him; for this is he." He was a youth, but he was no sissy. A little while afterwards a man described him as a 'mighty man of valor, a mighty man of valor,' this David. He had met the mountain lion bent on taking his

## DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR September

Evangelism.  
W. M. U. Training School, Louisville, Ky., Opening. Officers and Teachers Election in Sunday School—Promotion Day.  
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B. T. U.—Promotion and Reorganization of Unions. Fall Study Course Month. State Workers Enlargement Campaign.  
Associational Mass Meetings.  
W. M. U. Convention, Oklahoma City, Sept. 20-21.

sheep and had taken that lion by the hair. He had met the bear attempting to raid his herd, and had slain the brute of the deadly embrace. But in all these contests with the savage beasts of the field as well as in his performance upon the harp whose mellow golden notes charmed the spirits of evil from the troubled breast, his faith was fixed in God. He told Saul that. He said, "When a bear or a lion came to spoil my sheep, the Lord delivered them into my hands." Now there's a man for you. Healthful exercise; frugal, nourishing food; and the sleep of an untroubled conscience to build the body and the receptive heart; a faithful leaning upon God for guidance; and an implicit trust in His goodness; a faithful waiting for God's girding strength; and an essay of the great task in the high-born courage that never dies.

III. The charms that music hath. Verses 14-23. David must meet Saul, and thus it came about. "An evil spirit from the Lord troubled" Saul. This is a hard statement. It is easy to understand the preceding statement, "The spirit of Jehovah departed from Saul." The evil spirit that troubled him was doubtless God's messenger of judgment to Saul.

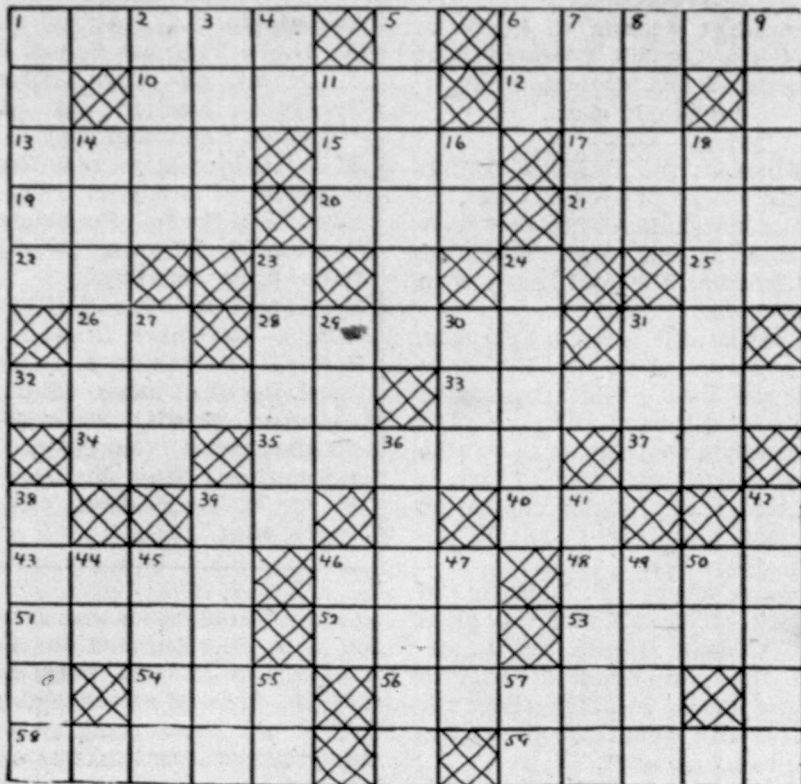
I think the significant thing in these verses is the contrast between David and Saul. Between the young man who had elected to walk in the light of the countenance of God and the older man who had turned his back upon that countenance in order to walk in his own shadow and choose his own way. Note the dark depths to which it brought him. Now note his one avenue of escape from those dark depths of dank despair. The only relief he got was through the servant of the Lord. We may be very sure, I think, that the music David played upon his harp was music of praise to the Lord of peace. We are told that it hath charms to soothe the savage breast and in this case it literally did so. So even the man who had forsaken God and whom God in consequence had forsaken learned to lean upon the lad whose skilled hand had the cunning to charm from the strings the strains that praised the Almighty.

—BR—

We apologize: In some way the printer after having it called to his attention left off the name of the author of the article on page 16, August 10 issue, entitled "Making the Most of the Revival," by Dr. Walter L. Johnson. The things suggested in that article are being practiced by him as well as preached.



## OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE



"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."—Luke 2:10.

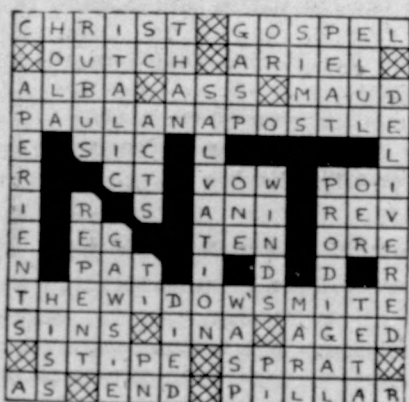
THE BIRTH OF JESUS  
ACROSS

- 1 "His name was called . . ."
- 6 "in the days of . . . the king."
- 10 "full of grace and . . ."
- 12 Greek letter.
- 13 Church officer.
- 15 Mouths.
- 17 Turn about.
- 19 "He that hath . . . to hear, let him hear," Matt. 11:15.
- 20 "his sister stood afar off, to . . . what could be done to him."
- 21 Son of Ishmael, Gen. 25:15.
- 22 Since.
- 25 Bachelor of music (L.).
- 26 Tantalum.
- 28 Within.
- 31 Pronoun.
- 32 "there went out a . . . from Caesar Augustus," Luke 2:1.
- 33 "it came to pass, as the . . . were gone away from them."
- 34 Direction.
- 35 Theme of a composition.
- 37 Roman weight.
- 39 Middle Atlantic state.
- 40 Note.
- 43 One of David's guards, 1 Chron. 11:29.
- 46 "there was no room for them in the . . ."
- 48 "they saw the young child with . . . his mother."
- 51 A gift of the wise men.
- 52 Past.
- 53 American author; robe (anag.).
- 54 The self.
- 56 Accustom.
- 58 "that all the world should be . . ."
- 59 "keeping . . . over their flock."

## DOWN

- 1 "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of . . ." (var.).
- 2 "we have seen his . . . in the east."
- 3 Vases.
- 4 Variant of Shu, Egyptian deity.
- 5 "he demanded of them where . . . should be born."
- 6 High tension.
- 7 "wise men from the . . ."
- 8 "his arm shall . . . for him."

## ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK



"being warned of God in a . . ."

- 11 "a thread of . . ." Judges 16:9.
- 14 Church festival commemorating Christ's resurrection.
- 16 Preposition.
- 18 Flower forms.
- 23 "shepherds abiding in the . . ."
- 24 Duct.
- 27 "his strange . . ." Isa. 28:21.
- 29 Born.
- 30 Son of Hezron, Ruth 4:19.
- 31 "For all the promises of God in him are . . ." 2 Cor. 1:20.
- 36 "and laid him in a . . ."
- 38 "watch over their flock by . . ."
- 39 Small fly.
- 41 A Jewish "speaker."
- 42 A gift of the wise men.
- 44 "And . . . the angel of the Lord came upon them."
- 45 Masculine proper name (abbr.).
- 46 North central state.
- 47 Father of Joshua, 1 Chron. 7:27.
- 49 Encourage.
- 50 Note.
- 55 Alleged force.
- 57 An ancient order (abbr.).

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TWO GREAT MISSIONARIES  
PASS AWAY

By J. G. Chastain

Dr. A. B. Rudd (83) April 3, 1944,  
Richmond, Va.

Dr. J. E. Davis (71) June 5, 1944,  
Independence, Mo.

Having labored with these brethren for many years in Mexico, the writer speaks advisedly about them. They were pious, industrious and efficient. All of our male missionaries preached regularly, but the work was so extensive and the laborers few, some of our men soon found themselves carrying the load of two or three persons.

Abundantly competent, Dr. Rudd served in various capacities and in different fields. For some years he was president of Institute Madero in Saltillo.

The Northern Board sent him to aid in opening their work in Porto Rico. Later they returned him to Mexico as superintendent of their work there. His last missionary service was as president of our theological seminary, then located in Saltillo. It was sustained by the Northern and Southern Boards conjointly and served both. At intervals Dr. Rudd pastored churches in Virginia, also taught theology in the University of Richmond.

Dr. Davis went to Mexico in 1904. Being a practical printer and expert business man, he soon established a printing plant. This he has developed into the most widely useful Spanish, religious publishing house, as I think, in the whole world.

In the Baptist publishing house of El Paso, Texas, Dr. Davis has erected for himself a monument which will continue to serve for ages to come.

Doctors A. B. Rudd and J. E. Davis, in person, have gone from us, but during their lives they set in motion influences which will survive and go on blessing the world until Jesus comes.

Buena Vista, Virginia.

—BR—

Five were added to the church in the meetings at Coila in which Pastor L. D. Sellers was assisted by C. J. Olander of Morgan City.

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—BR—

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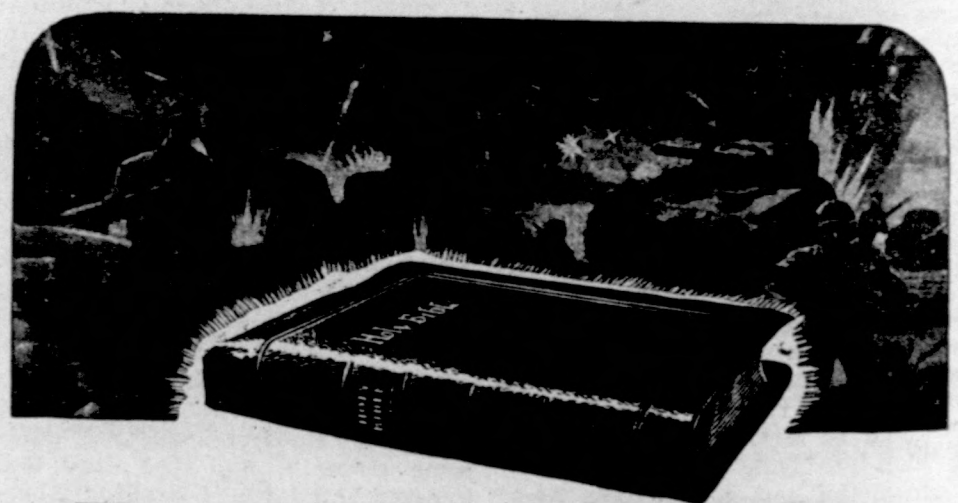


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## A TRIBUTE TO ABNER POLK

By E. G. Hightower and T. D. Brown

"And the king said unto his servants, Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?" II Samuel 3:38.

The above words were spoken by King David on the death of Abner, the son of Ner. On the afternoon of July 22, in the First Baptist Church at Hattiesburg, the same words were quoted, and were as appropriate at the funeral of another Abner.

For Brother Abner Polk, at the ripe age of eighty-three, has passed on to his heavenly reward, leaving his large family, the First Baptist Church, the city of Hattiesburg and the Baptist cause in Mississippi an irreparable loss to sustain. No wife and children ever were blessed with a better husband and father, no church ever had the services and support of a better member, no city ever had a better citizen, and no denomination ever claimed a more loyal adherent.

Born in Lawrence county Dec. 5, 1860, attending schools in that county and at Columbia, joining a Baptist church in his youth, teaching school and farming, marrying Miss Ida Chambers, of Kintobish, Ala., Feb. 13, 1890, conducting a business at Purvis until May 1896, he moved to Hattiesburg where he resided until his death on July 21st, 1944. Surviving him are Mrs. Polk, two sons, S. W. Polk, city attorney of Memphis, Tenn., and E. C. Polk, business man of Hattiesburg, and the following daughters: Mrs. Waldo Jackson, Mrs. Louis Zehnder, Mrs. Frank Montague, Mrs. R. H. Clark and Mrs. Lawrence McDuff, of Hattiesburg, Mrs. W. R. Bethea of Jackson, Miss., and Mrs. V. L. Izard of El Paso, Tex., and twenty-three grandchildren.

After he had become a Christian, Brother Polk definitely decided to give his life to God, and consistently and devotedly held to that course until his death. He prayed without ceasing, and consulted his Father in every transaction, large or small. He faithfully sought first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and "these things" were added to him in great abundance. In his business he was energetic and industrious, refusing to do business on the Lord's day when others did, and his word was literally as good as his bond.

As a church member and a life deacon, he was liberal with his time and counsel, rarely ever missed a service at his church, regularly contributed more than his tithe, and attended preaching and prayer meetings away from home as faithfully as at home. He was intensely interested in every forward movement of his denomination, at home and abroad, and was the first to do his part and urge his church to do so. His was the first large church many years ago to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record, and the deacons voted to recommend the plan to the church because he stated that otherwise he would pay for the program out of his own pocket.

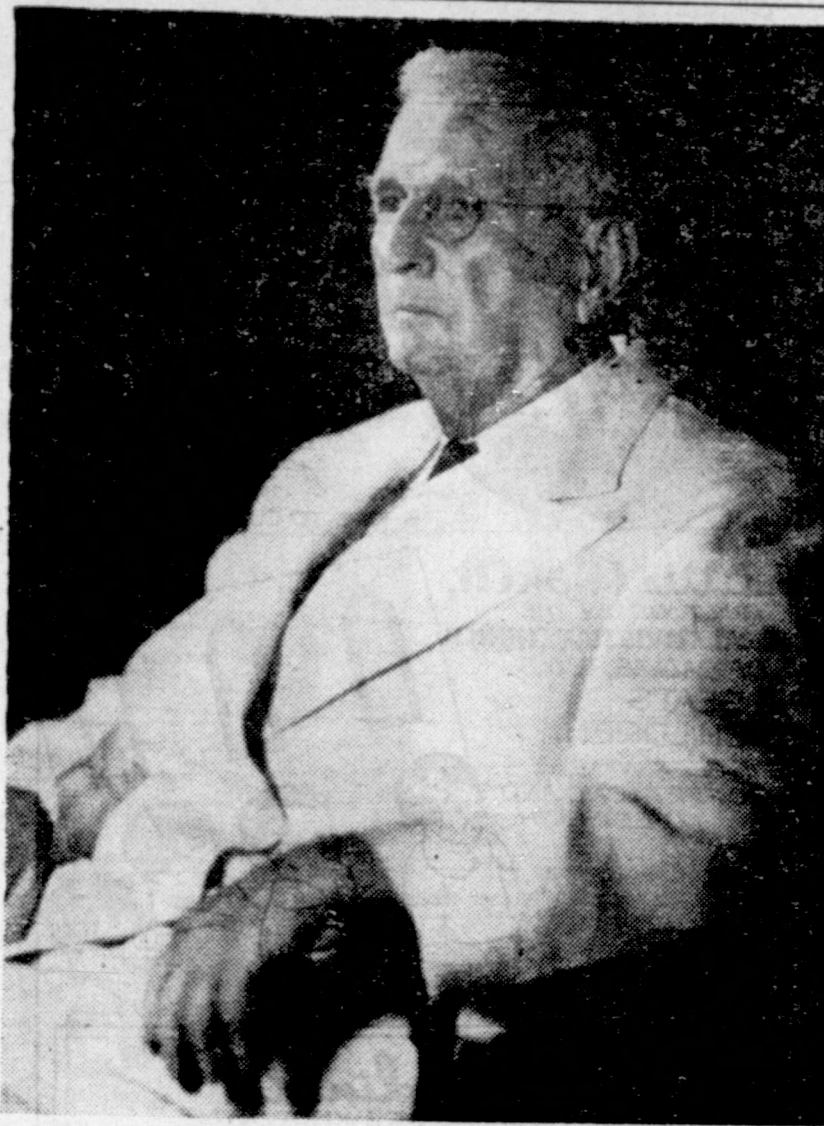
He was a devoted husband and father and considered that each child was a gift from God. Every child is a Christian and a good member of a Baptist church—as were two daughters now deceased—and all are prominent. In his family there has not been even the approach to juvenile delinquency.

He was for many years a trustee of Mississippi Woman's College, and together with the late Dr. T. E. Ross, his brother church member and deacon, is known as the best friend and supporter that the college ever had.

He was a living example, seen and read of all men, of what God can accomplish in a life yielded to Him. Brother Abner Polk has entered upon his rest, so excellently and well earned, but his influence and noble example will live on.

—BR—

Teacher: "You remember the story of Daniel in the lions' den, Robbie?"  
Robbie: "Yes, ma'am." Teacher: "What lesson do we learn from it?"  
Robbie: "That we shouldn't eat everything we see."



ABNER POLK

About a month ago we had our meeting at the Macedonia Baptist Church near Brookhaven. The pastor was asked to do the preaching, W. G. Mize, superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage, led the singing, bringing along with him four young ladies and two young men from the home. There were thirty-one additions, nearly all for baptism and about a week later ten more additions came at a regular service. It was our privilege to baptize thirty-five into the fellowship of the church. Since becoming pastor of this great church in March there have been fifty-two additions. In the month of June we had our Sunday school enlargement campaign which resulted in five new classes and two new departments, also thirteen additional workers. We recently purchased six acres additional ground and voted to build a twelve-room two-story brick annex.—A. W. Talbert, pastor.

In the last four revivals conducted by Evangelist Hyman Appelman, there were beyond 70 in the Armor Heights Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo., more than 350 in St. Paul, Minn., above 150 in Minneapolis, Minn., and more than 500 in St. Louis, Mo.

Resolutions adopted by Kiwanis International's 1944 wartime convention are of interest to Baptist Record readers. "The Convention recommended that Kiwanis Clubs take appropriate action in support of the spiritual program of churches; that Kiwanis Clubs marshal the leadership within their community to develop practical solutions to problems relating to youth; and that the educational and recreational facilities established by the federal government in its war program, be not dismantled until they first have been offered to the locality in which they are located."

Answers To  
Know Your Bible

(Feature On Page Thirteen)

1. (Sea of Tiberias): Tiberias was so named, after the large city of Tiberias. The other name is "Sea of Galilee," and is so referred to in John 6:1, by Jesus and His followers.

2. (Strange land orphan made queen): Her name was Esther. Her beauty is referred to in Esther 2:7, and crowning of her as queen is found in Esther 2:17.

3. (Name of bride and bridegroom): Her name was Rebekah, and his name was Isaac. See Genesis 24:63-67.

4. (Paul's large letter): Translating "letter" into the plural, it would be letters, and in this case would mean large single letters. As Paul (having a secretary), did not write many letters, and in the above reference, he really printed his letter in large capital letters, which would emphasize the importance of his message.

Rev. J. R. Kyzar, Mississippian, celebrated his seventeenth anniversary as pastor of Grandview Baptist Church, Nashville, Sunday morning, August 6, preaching from the same text he uses each year on this occasion, "He Preached the Word Unto Them."

C. E. Welch, native Mississippian, and pastor for the last twelve years of Central Baptist Church, of Memphis, Tenn., writes that in addition to his pastoral work he has preached 140 times in six meetings in the last ten months. Three meetings were in New Orleans, La., one in Knoxville, Tenn., one in Gaffney, S. C., and one in Hattiesburg, Miss. He likes to renew acquaintances, especially from his native state.

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### THE CENTENNIAL EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE

Dr. M. E. Dodd, General Director  
Shreveport, La.

The overall strategy for the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade, which received final approval at a joint meeting of the Committee on Evangelism, state secretaries and Home Board members, at Ridgecrest on August 10, calls for one hundred city- or associational-wide crusades, with simultaneous meetings in the churches during the months of March and April, 1945. Every city of two or more Baptist churches can have a crusade and should have one, in order to keep step with the marching hosts of Southern Baptists. Some twenty-odd cities have already set up plans for a simultaneous crusade, or are in the process of doing so. All other cities should begin plans at once. There is no adequate substitute or compromise plan for the simultaneous meetings.

The simultaneous meetings crusade is the best plan yet devised by Baptists for attack on the city. It has great advantages such as: (1) Unification, (2) Strength in united attack, (3) Securing public attention, (4) Fixing church member responsibility, etc. One hundred city-wide crusades involving 2,500 churches should have 250,000 baptisms in the Centennial Year, 1945.

Will the presidents of pastors conferences report to me on local status of assistance, please call.

—BR—

### EDITOR FREEMAN CHARGES DISCRIMINATION

Churches have been forbidden by the War Production Board to erect meeting houses, enlarge, and in many instances to improve their meeting houses, but the same WPB lets a distillery in Kentucky make enlargements to its plant, allows movie houses to be constructed and buildings of various kinds either to be erected or remodeled for use by liquor joints, dance halls and such.

House Bill 2328, already reported favorably by the sub-committee, will practically close the mails to every publication that exposes Catholic propaganda and heresies. It provides that "all papers, pamphlets, magazines (all printed matter), pictures containing any defamatory and false statements which tend to expose persons designated . . . or characterized by race or religion, any of whom reside in the United States, to hatred, contempt, ridicule or obliquy, or tend to cause such persons to be shunned or avoided, or to be injured in their occupation, are hereby declared (evidently by the postal authorities—now Catholic led) non-mailable matter and shall not be conveyed in the mails or delivered from any post office or by any letter carrier, and shall be withdrawn from the mails under regulations as the postmaster general shall prescribe. . . ." And there is a fine of \$5,000 and/or five years imprisonment for violation of the statute. Let this bill become law and freedom of the religious press is doomed!

The masses of American voters are either asleep at the post, knowing little or nothing about what is going on in their land to destroy their freedom, or else have been hoodwinked by the subtle propaganda of the day until they are ready to accuse anyone who exposes this dangers of being a fanatic or a narrow demagogue? The only

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*Scheel*  
Religious News Service

### WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS

Leslie W. Edwards, Kershaw, S. C.

Sam Jones sat in his place in the Lodge, listening to the appeal being made by the presiding officer. The annual fish fry was to take place the next week, and more funds were needed to make it a gala affair. As the speaker explained it, the committee wanted to hire a band from out-of-town, and to have a square dance to close the evening. Of course, it wasn't necessary, but it would add to the gaiety of the affair. Sam, an ardent knight of the Golden Sun, responded by dropping into the hat as it passed him a brand new five dollar bill.

Sunday came, and Sam sat in his place in the church. It was a bright, sunny morning, and the church service was well under way. The choir had just sung a beautiful anthem, and now was the time for the offering to be taken. Sam took from his pocket the envelope bearing the words "For the expenses of my church" and "For world-wide causes." As the plate came to him, he dropped in with much show the envelope bearing a shiny new quarter.—Baptist Courier.

—BR—

"How was the baby show?" "Howling success."

group of any size in American who can profit from the enactment of such a bill as HR 2328 mentioned above, are Roman Catholics, and they are behind it. It was introduced into the House of Representatives by Walter A. Lynch of New York, himself a Knight of Columbus (Jesuit of course) and probably a product of the parochial school system.—Western Recorder.

### OXFORD PASTORS' CONFERENCE

This meeting was promoted by J. B. Ray of New Albany, enlistment pastor for North Mississippi. The purpose was to bring the pastors of this section of the state together for a season of fellowship, instruction, and inspiration. As one who has had fellowship of this sort with his brethren for a quarter of a century, the writer would say that the Oxford conference lacked in only one particular: not enough brethren in attendance. Pastors with farming interests found themselves knee-deep in the grass and this fact kept many of them away.

The program was exceptionally fine. The preachers stayed on the university campus and the classes were held in the YMCA building. The evening sessions were held in the Oxford Baptist Church. The preachers sang and prayed together, studied the Word of God and the doctrines of it, and discussed the best methods of church work in our section.

No claim is herein made that the faculty was superior to any anywhere. One as good—might be got together in any section of the state. But the claim is made from a conviction as profound as the writer can entertain that meetings of this character, promoted within reach of all our pastors, and consistently attended by them, will lead to the solution of every problem before our people, now or to arise in the future.

L. Bracey Campbell,  
Marks, Miss.

—BR—

Tchula: Our revival meeting will begin Sunday, September 10 at 11:00 a. m. Dr. L. W. Ferrell of Jackson will be the preacher and L. N. Stacener of Baton Rouge, La., the singer.—C. J. Olander, pastor.

### NAVY CHAPLAIN WRITES POEM AT SAIPAN CEMETERY

Second Lieutenant Jim G. Lucas, formerly of the Tulsa Tribune, a marine corps public relations officer has sent the following:

Saipan, Marianas Islands—(Delayed)—No duty in the Marine Corps is more heartbreaking to the chaplain than his periodic assignment to the American cemetery on Saipan. For 12 hours, he must hold funeral services for the dead. He must check their personal effects, and itemize them for return to their loved ones at home. These are intimate, heart-breaking things—pictures of wife and children, the last letter from mother, a note from the girl he left behind.

Navy Chaplain Lieutenant Robert Croyle, of 26 E. Garber street, Mt. Union, Pa., following that assignment, wrote this poem, and sent it by marine runner with the following note:

"This verse is a bit sad, but maybe it could be used somewhere. I wrote it at the cemetery."

Chaplain Croyle's poem follows:

On Saipan's beach the hot sands sweep,  
Round boards that mark the heads and feet  
Of brave marines who yesterday  
Had worked and loved and found life gay.  
Now they are dead.  
Yes, they are dead.  
"For what?" they cry—  
And we who live must echo, "Why?"

If godless treachery and greed,  
Unbridled force and vicious creed,  
Become for aye an evil dream,  
An ugly past, a cast-off scheme,  
Then, truthfully, it can be said,  
These brave marines cannot be dead,  
Though hot sands sweep on Saipan's beach.

Because all of us know Chaplain Bob Croyle, because we know how sincere he is, and how his heart has been torn with the things he has seen, we think, too, it could be "used somewhere"—in the hearts and minds of right-thinking people everywhere.

—BR—

### PUBLIC RELATIONS EXPERTS GET A SHOCK

Because use of liquor is involved in a big part of rapes, murders and other least-savory crimes, a tough job for "public relations" experts is to glamorize the use of alcoholic beverages.

Getting free publicity in newspapers and magazines long has been an important part of the campaign for popularizing liquor and for fighting off its opponents. Many publishers refuse alcoholic-beverages paid advertising but the public relations counsellors sometimes have got around this ban by scheduling advertising apparently designed not to sell booze but to "improve conditions surrounding its sale."

In scheduling such a campaign for one of the most innocuous of alcoholic drinks—beer—in every daily and weekly newspaper in Indiana, some of the bigtime public-relations counsellors got quite a shock from the reaction of the smalltown weekly publishers (who need national advertising but who still stand by their opinions): Out of the 258 Indiana weekly newspapers that were offered the beer advertising, 245 turned it down.

—BR—

"You are always wishing for what you haven't got." "Well, what else could I wish for?"